An illustration of two young men in a pool setting. The man on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants. The man on the right has dark hair and is wearing a light blue shirt and dark pants. They are both looking at each other. There is a chain-link fence in the background. Handwritten yellow Japanese text is overlaid on the image: 'キミの' at the top left, '春花' in the middle right, and '有馬' in the bottom left. The title 'Kimi no Sumire' is written in a cursive font at the bottom left. The publisher 'DARIA COMICS' is at the bottom right.

[きみの春花]

有馬 嵐

Kimi no Sumire
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I could tell
with one
glance,

that he was
a maelstrom
in the form
of a man.

Chapter 1








He
was the
school's
madonna.

Chapter 1


Two weeks ago...



THIS IS KIMINO
SUMIRE, OUR
NEW TRANSFER
STUDENT.



I HOPE YOU
GUYS CAN SHOW
HIM AROUND.



I'M OYAMADA!
NICE TO MEET
YOU!



FUKU-
OKA.

UM, YOUR
NAME...?

Hey,

WHERE YOU
FROM?



NICE TO
MEET
YOU.

I THOUGHT YOU'D
BE WEARING YOUR
LAST SCHOOL'S
UNIFORM.



!

Ooh.

I EVEN CAME TO
CHECK OUT THE
SCHOOL, ONCE.

I ALREADY KNEW THAT
I WAS TRANSFERRING,
SO I ORDERED THE
UNIFORM IN ADVANCE.

There
exists a
"madonna"
at this
school.

A beautiful
and pure
person.

A
lone
wolf.

Rumors
say,

MADONNA?

THEN,

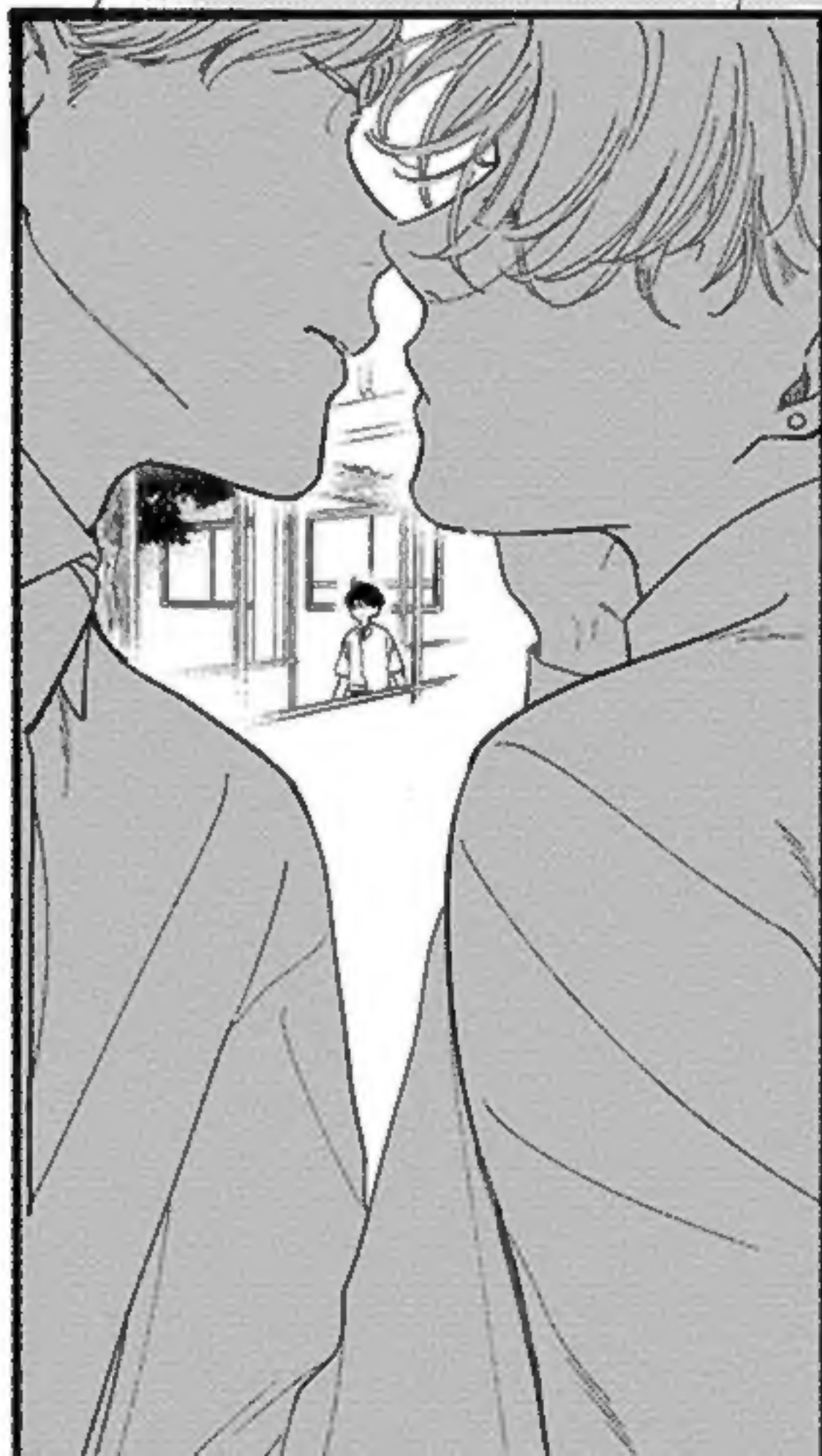
HAVE YOU
HEARD ABOUT
MADONNA?





Whoa.

Pretty...



I see.



So
that's...

W
O
W!
!



One, two!
One, two!

KIMINO!

A boys'
school is
really...

...A
TEACHER?!



I'LL COME WATCH YOU GUYS PLAY ON SUNDAY.

Do your best!

Yeah,

THANKS!

Bye!



YOU TALK LIKE AN OLD MAN.

Youth...

YOU'RE GOING HOME THIS WAY?

Huh?

REAL-LY?

OH, I NEED TO STOP BY THE BOOKSTORE.

I haven't registered for youth activities, yet.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

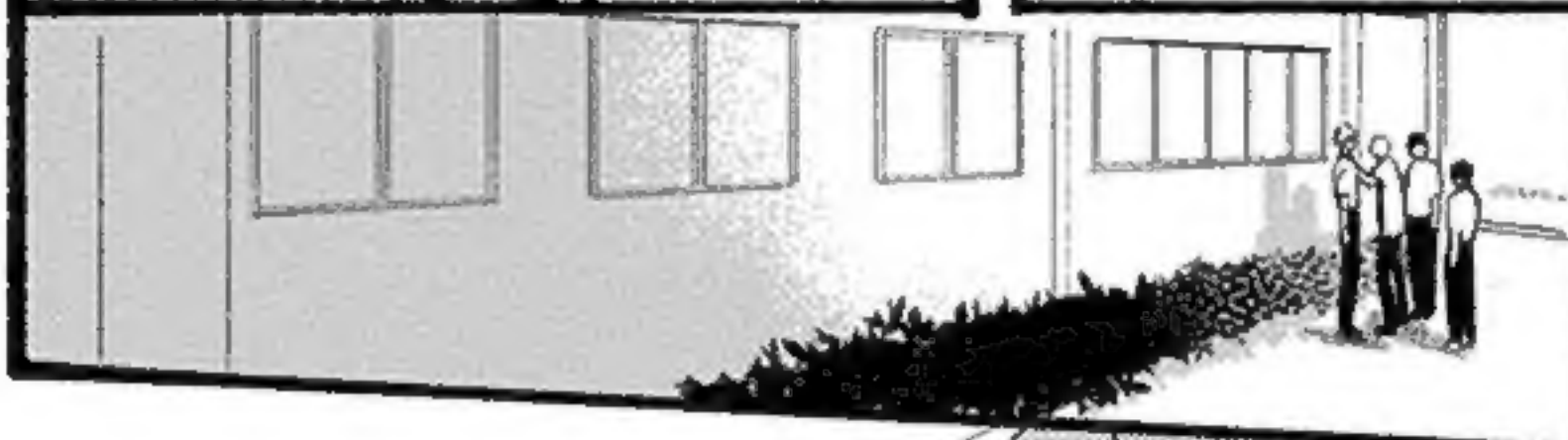


Sorry, I did a bad thing.

THE USUAL ROAD I TAKE GOES BY THE MUSIC ROOM, AND NOW IT'S AWKWARD TO TAKE IT. BUT I COULDN'T SAY THAT, SO I LIED.



?



Sweat

Oh no, is that a fight?!

HUH?



That's...



YOU DIDN'T
WANNA GO
ONE-ON-
ONE?

HFF

...NGH.



Skare



YOU EVEN
LISTENING?!

...



WAP



YOU
SMUG
BASTARD!







I'M NOT
THAT
WEAK!

Here.
WANT ME TO
OPEN IT FOR
YOU?



WHAT DO
YOU WANT?

SOMETHING
CARBONATED.



Oh.
IS IT OKAY
TO ASK?



Was that...
A SHAKE-
DOWN?



THE GUY
CONFERRED TO
ME, EARLIER.

CONF-...!

And
those
were his
buddies.



I GUESS
THOSE
REALLY
EXIST,
TOO.





I guess the
man they
all call a
madonna...

Isn't as
pure as
they say.



Which
is...

...what
I had
intended,
but...

I SHOULD PROBABLY
DISTANCE MYSELF
FROM HIM...





IS IT BAD TO
RETALIATE?

WELL,

YOU'RE
VERY
PRETTY.
WOULDN'T
REALLY
WANT TO
BRUISE
THAT
FACE.



Huh?



THAT'S
CONVENIENT
FOR YOU.

I HAPPEN TO
HATE MY FACE.



Shoot.

This is
probably...



...SORRY.

...a taboo
topic for
him.



BUT...

BUT I
CAN'T
CONDONE
VIOLENCE.

I DON'T
KNOW...

...WHAT
YOUR CIRCUM-
STANCES
ARE,

IF YOU
DON'T KNOW,
THEN DON'T
APOLOGIZE.

FOR
WHAT?

...I
DON'T
KNOW.



I APOLOGIZE.



...

WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?



WHAT I SAID
PROBABLY HURT
YOU IN SOME
WAY.

SO FOR THAT,



HUH?



YOUR NAME.



SHOOT,
GOTTA CHANGE
CLASSROOMS!

I'M GONNA
HEAD BACK,
TOO.



TOUJOU.

TOUJOU-
SENPAI.



IT'S
KIMINO.

AND YOU,
SENPAI?



STOP BY AGAIN
TOMORROW,

KIMINO.

SINCE
WHEN WERE
YOU SO BUDDY-
BUDDY WITH
MADONNA?!

He's
finally
back!

KIMINO!

AW

...PRETTY
APPROACHABLE.

SLIDE

HE'S
ACTUALLY...

tap
tap
tap

AND I GUESS
NOW, EVERY-
ONE IS BUZZING
AROUND ME,
TOO.

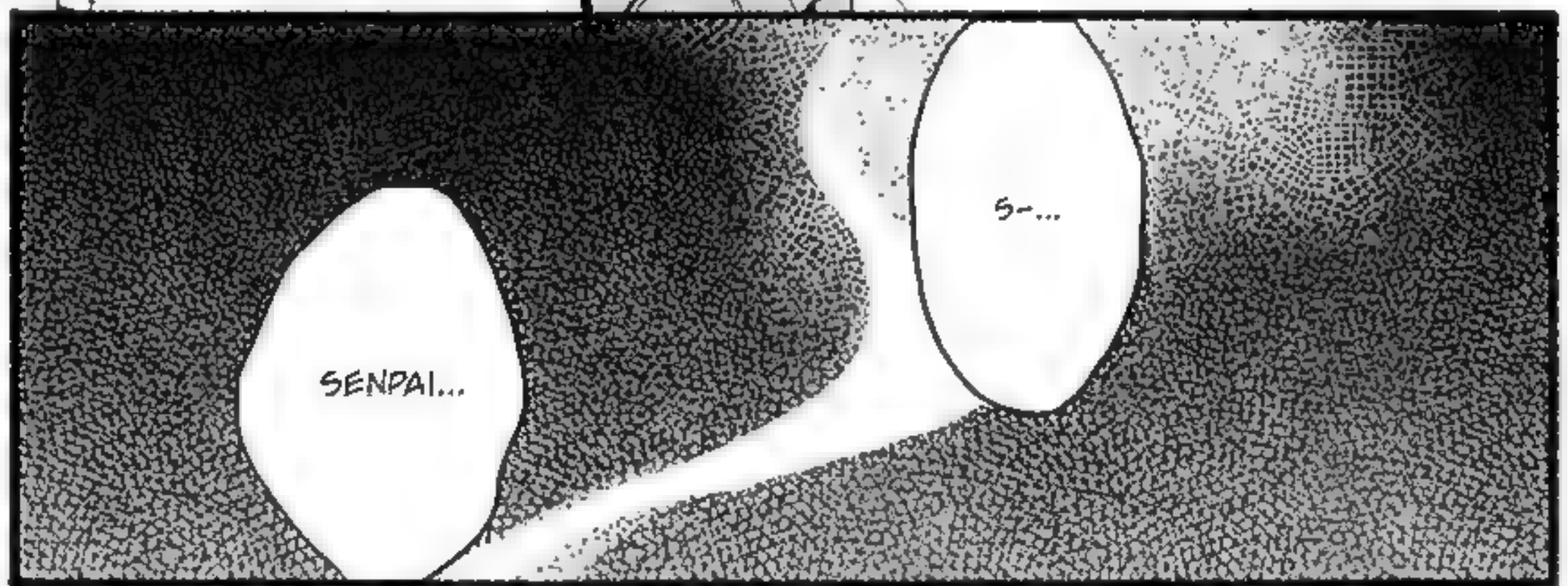
We're changing
classes, everyone!

How can
we change
now?!

Whaaat...

WHOA...







JUST BECAUSE I DIDN'T BOTHER TO CORRECT THEM, IT REALLY TOOK ON A LIFE OF IT'S OWN.

Oh.
YOU TALKING ABOUT THAT RUMOR?



YOU'RE KIND OF A JERK...

WHAT WAS IT AGAIN? "BEAUTIFUL AND PURE"?

THAT'S HILARIOUS.



He looks like a painting...





HIS EYE-
LASHES
ARE SO
LONG.

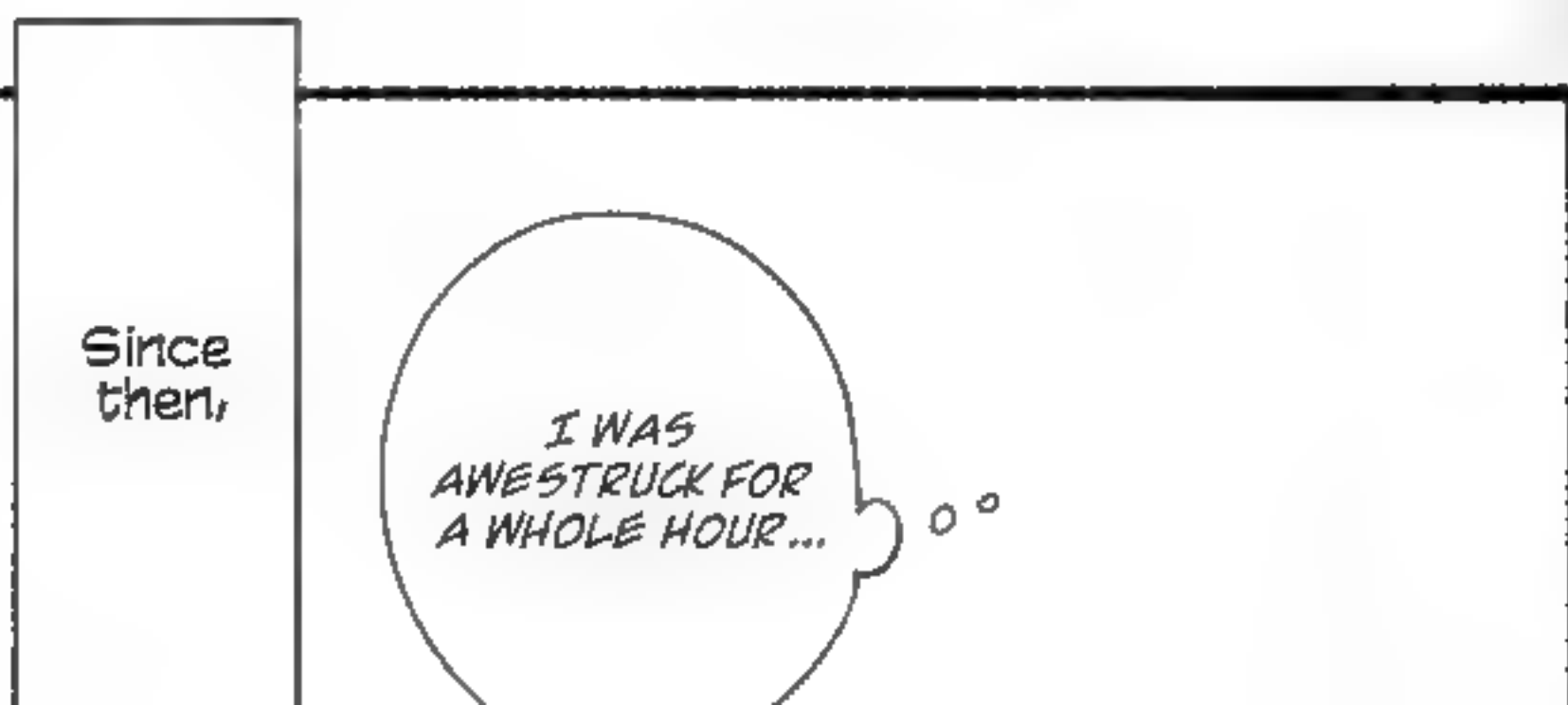
AND HE'S
GOT PRETTY
FINGERS.

I could
watch
him for
hours...

S.H.F.

FWS

BLINK





But he
won't
smoke.



We
would
spend
lunch
on the
roof.

Then he
would use
me as a
pillow after
we ate.



One day
became
two, two
became a
week...

Then it
became a
daily thing.

twitch



WHAT IS IT?



WHAT
THE
HECK...



YOUR
FOREHEAD
LOOKS
REALLY
CUTE,

FROM DOWN
HERE.



IT'S A
COMPLIMENT.

Senpai...

And he
always
drinks
orange
juice for
lunch.

And he likes
shows with
delinquents
in them.

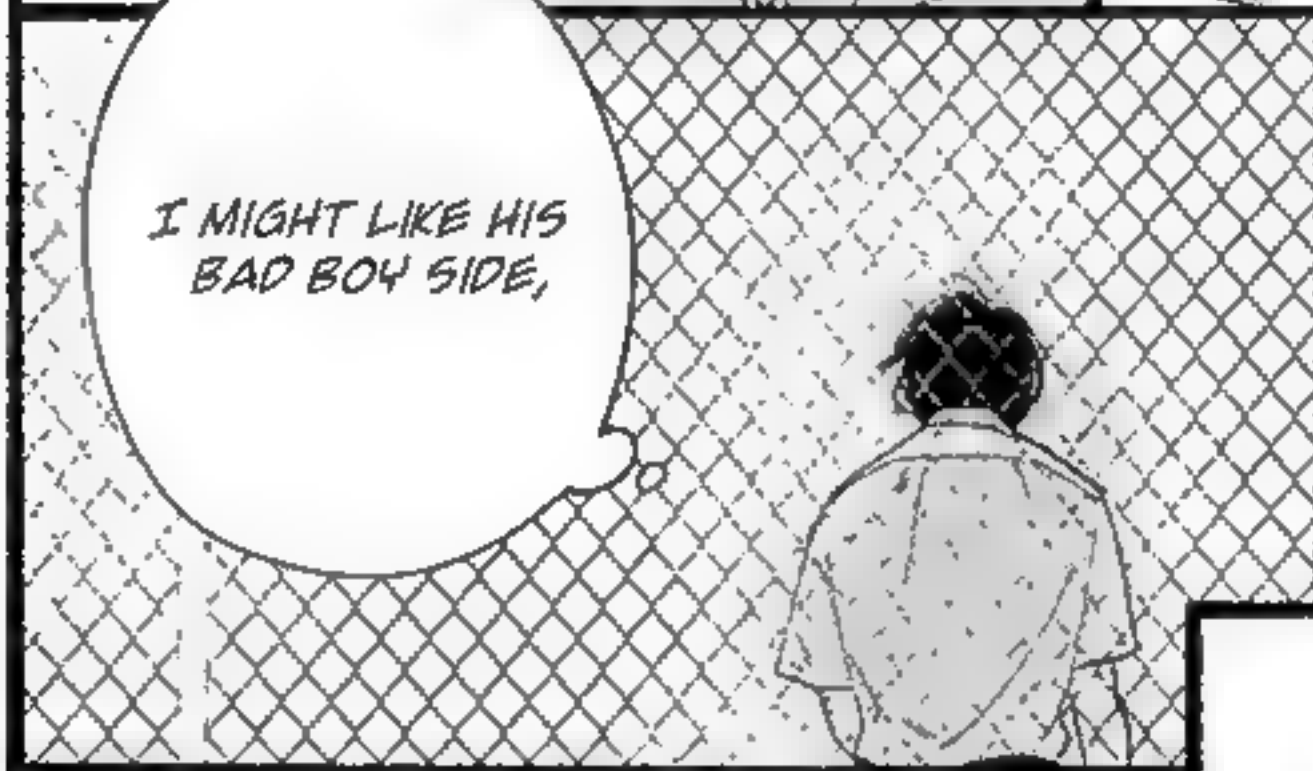
...talks a
lot.



...this
childish
side to
him.



No
one
knows
about...



I MIGHT LIKE HIS
BAD BOY SIDE,



Time for lunch!



You can
have—



I've got a
lot of fried
chicken
today!

Ker
Ghak



Senpai!



THAT WASN'T
THERE YES-
TERDAY!

NOTHING.

WHAT HAPPENED,
SIR?!

Thwip



LEND ME...

...YOUR LAP



WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
"NOTH-

LEND ME
YOUR LAP

HUH?



SENPAI...

WHERE DID YOU
LEARN HOW TO
FIGHT?



I TRIED IT OUT IN
REAL LIFE, AND IT
WORKS PRETTY
WELL.

YOU TRIED
IT OUT...?



YOU'RE GOING TO
MAKE A LOT OF
ENEMIES IF YOU
KEEPING FIGHT-
ING LIKE THAT.

...



FROM TV
SHOWS.

Huh?!

THE ONES
YOU ALWAYS
WATCH...SIR?!



AND
WHEN THEY
TOUCH ME, I
THREATEN
THEM.

WHEN THEY
CONFESS TO ME,
I FLAT-OUT
REJECT THEM.



SPRICH

I DON'T LIKE
DRAGGING
THINGS ON,

SO...



IT WAS
SELF-DEFENSE.



WHICH HAS
MADE ME
A LOT OF
ENEMIES.

I REAP
WHAT I
SOW.



I DIDN'T KNOW
ALL THAT...



SORRY.

FOR
WHAT?



IT WAS DURING
A TIME WHEN
PEOPLE WERE
STILL WALKING
AROUND,

AND YOU COULD
STILL HEAR
PEOPLE.

BUT NO
ONE CAME TO
CHECK ON ME,
NO MATTER
HOW LOUD I
SCREAMED.

I WAS CORNERED
BY THREE GUYS I
THOUGHT WERE MY
FRIENDS.



A LONG TIME
AGO, IN MIDDLE
SCHOOL...



SO I LEARNED HOW
TO FIGHT OFF LARGE
GROUPS.

YOU'RE
THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN SAVE
YOURSELF.



AND I DISTANCED
MYSELF FROM
OTHERS, IN ORDER
NOT TO GET MY
HOPES UP



I'LL...

...WATCH THOSE
SHOWS, TOO.



...I THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T
LIKE VIOLENCE.



NGH...



I'LL BE THERE TO
FIGHT ALONGSIDE
YOU, SIR!

IF A DAY
COMES WHEN
YOU GET HURT,

IT'S BETTER
TO NOT FIGHT,

IT'S
SCARY,
AFTER
ALL...

THEN WHY?



...

Plip



THAT WAS
ENOUGH TO
MAKE ME
HAPPY.

IT DIDN'T
MATTER HOW
STRONG YOU
WERE.

...NGH.

YOU'VE BEEN
ON MY SIDE.



EVER SINCE
WE FIRST MET,

Shft



IT MAKES ME
BLUSH,

WHEN YOU
DO STUFF
LIKE THIS,
SIR!

HOW?

BUT,

I MIGHT
TURN OUT TO
BE LIKE MY
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
FRIENDS.

YEAH.

I FEEL A BIT SMUG,
KNOWING THAT I SEE
THE SIDES OF YOU
THAT OTHER
PEOPLE DON'T.

IT MAKES
YOU BLUSH?

YOU DON'T
NEED TO.

BUT I
DON'T WANT
TO APOLOGIZE
FOR THAT.

?!?!?!?!?



WH-WHA-...?!



H-HOLD ON.

HM?

U-UHM...

UH...

GAPE





THAT LONG
AGO?!

DID YOU THINK
I'D LAY IN AN-
OTHER GUY'S
LAP FOR NO
REASON?

There is
a madonna
at this
school...

HEY,

CAN I KISS
YOU AGAIN?

SUMIRE.

...and
pure.
A lone
wolf.

WHAT'S
YOUR FIRST
NAME?

He is
beautiful,

SUMIRE...

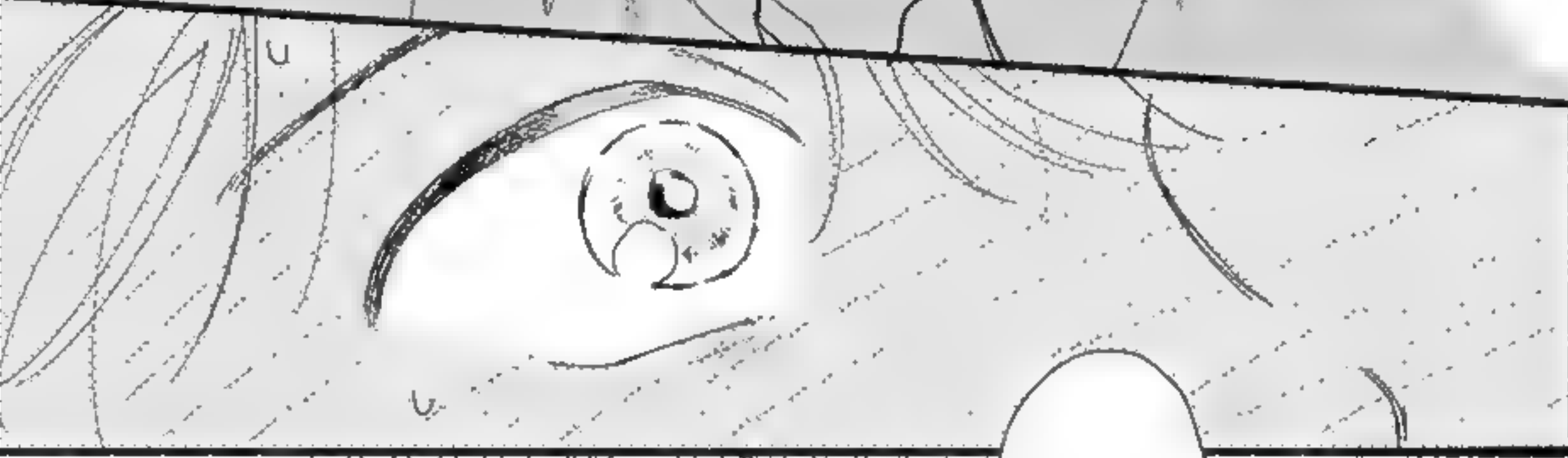
HOW DO
YOU WRITE
THAT?

THE WAY YOU
WRITE, "PURE
LOVE."

NGH.



* Sumire's name is a homonym for violets in Japanese.



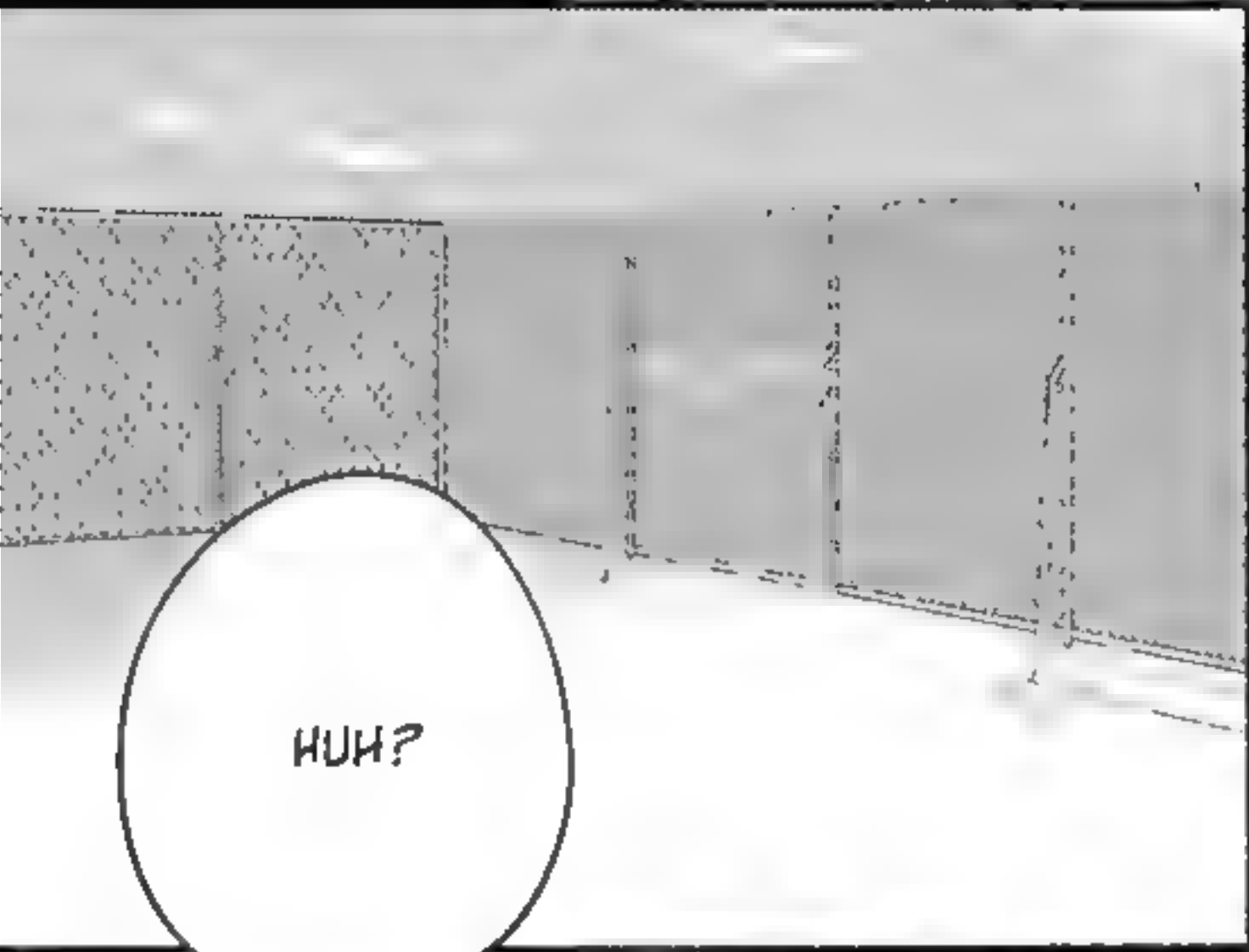
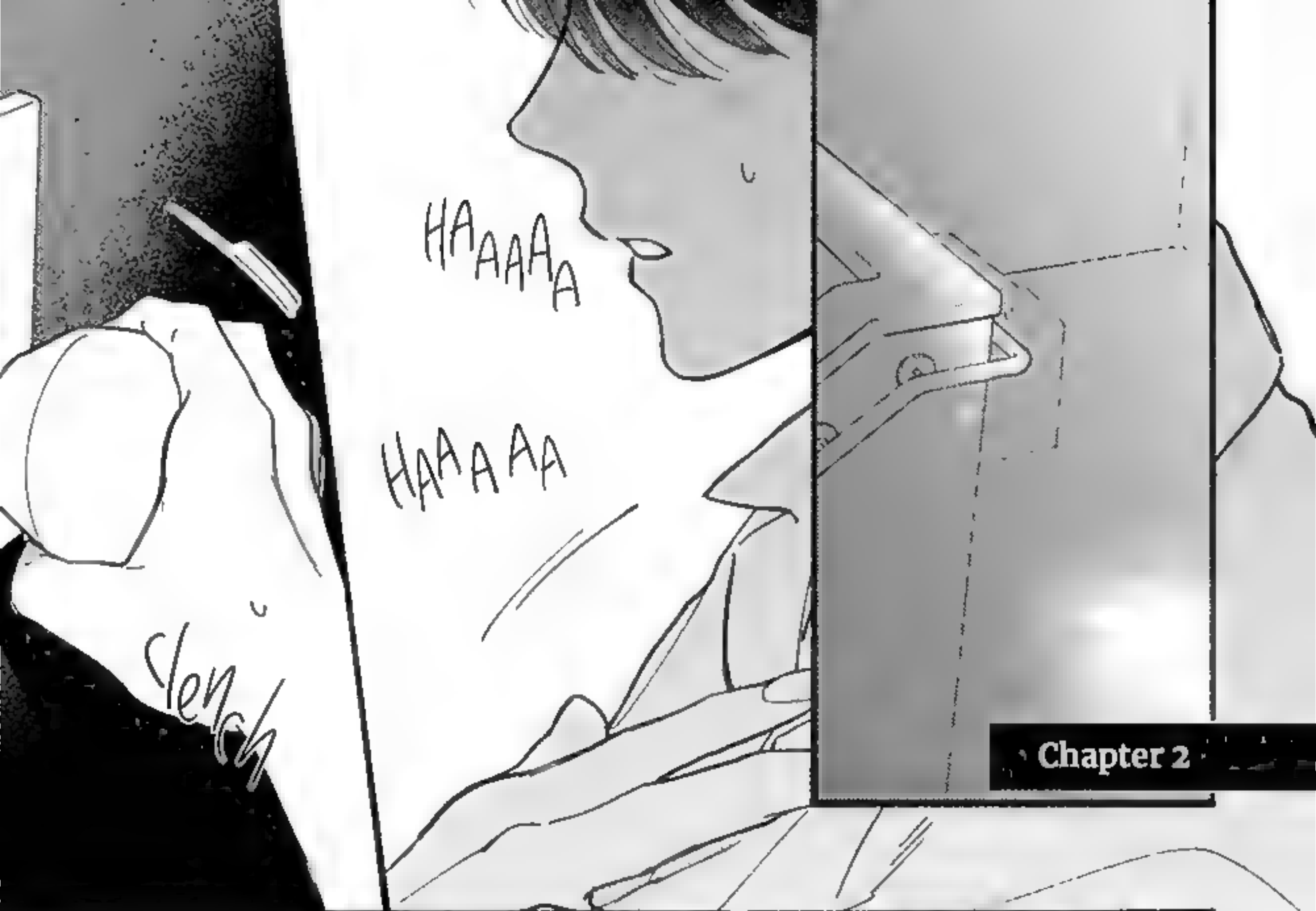


Once you
are caught
by those
eyes...

...no one
can escape.

WHAT?!

YOU'RE LIKE
MEDUSA...





40!

ACK!

SENPAI!



Haha.

WHAT WAS
THAT NOISE?



LET'S EAT.

SCRF SCRF

ACK!

WHOA!



I MADE THAT NOISE...

look!



Yesterday,



Chapter 2





That's what
the rumors
say about this
madonna...



For some
reason, it
seems he's
taken a
liking to
me.

Solitary.



Beautiful.

Pure.



I WAS
FREAKING
OUT ABOUT
COMING
HERE.

DOES IT NOT
FAZE HIM?



THIS
FEELS
PRETTY
NORMAL.



THIS.

W

UMP



YOU WENT TO CLASS TODAY, SIR.

THAT'S RARE.

You're always here after fourth period!



Huh?
THEN WHAT WERE YOU DOING?

NO I DIDN'T.

?



I ALWAYS DID.

YOU WORK?
SENPAI?

BY THE WAY, I BOUGHT IT WITH MONEY EARNED AT MY JOB.

Not from extortion.

What do you take me for?



Growing Phase

I GOT THESE.
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE EATING ENOUGH.

HE NOTICED.

YEAH.

IS THAT SO?

I DIDN'T
MENTION IT.

I
DIDN'T
KNOW
THAT.

I see...

...more
about
him.

I want
to know...

BUT THAT'D
PROBABLY BE
ASKING TOO
MUCH.







"I hate my face."

THAT'S
WHAT HE
SAID, BUT...



WHAT?

Um.
NOTHING...



WHETHER IT'S
CONFIDENCE, OR
SELF-AWARE-
NESS...



He's
aware
of how
good
he
looks.



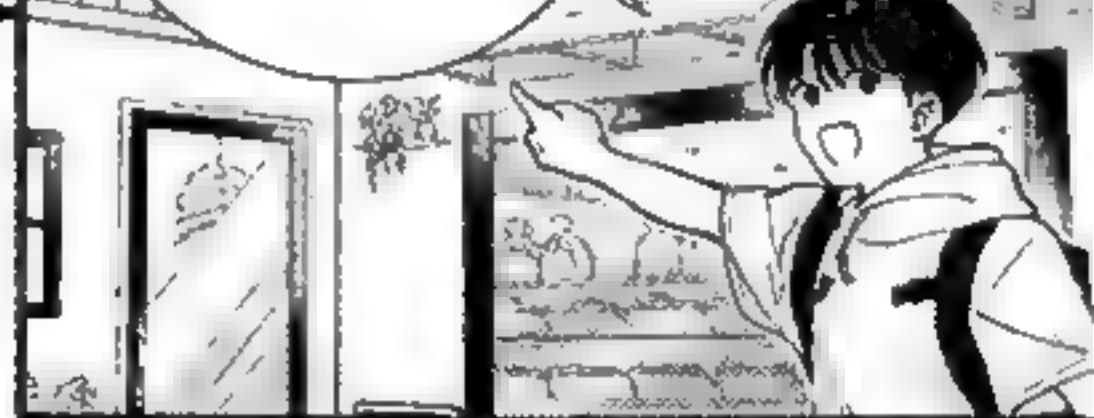
IS IT...
OKAY FOR ME
TO WALK NEXT
TO YOU?

HUH?

Tends to fidget
when he's nervous.

HE LOOKS
SO GOOD,
IT'S MAKING
ME FEEL
NERVOUS.









BUT YOU
PAID FOR
LUNCH,
TOO.

HEY.

HUH?



IT'S FINE.

SORRY, HOW
MUCH WAS IT,
SIR?

Oh,

THE
RECEIPT.

Here.



SORRY TO
KEEP YOU
WAITING.



YOU CAN STOP
WITH THE
"SIR."

I DON'T
PARTICULAR-
LY CARE
FOR IT.



UM...



LET'S GO IN.

Wait...

SENPAI...

tap
tap

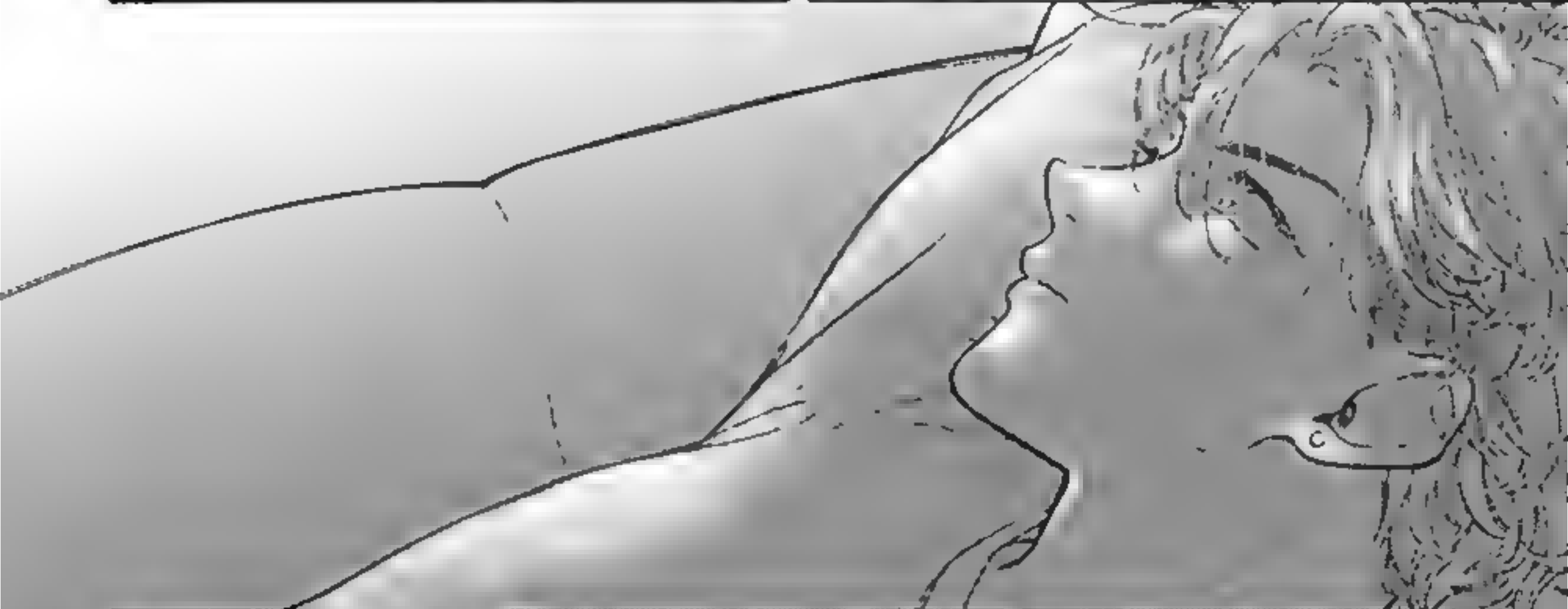
IT'S A COUPLE'S
SEAT.

WHAT'S THIS?

IN THIS
STAR-LADEN
SKY, THE MOST
INTIMATE
STARS ARE....

ORIHIME AND
HIKOBOSHI,
WHO MAKE UP
THE SUMMER
TRIANGLE.





AND SO,
THE TWO
LOVERS WERE
SEPARATED...

...BY THE
RIVER OF
STARS.

PERMITTED
TO ONLY
MEET ONE
DAY OF THE
YEAR,

clasp

...ON
JULY
7TH.

Shff

Glance

...



TH-



HAH...

I GUESS IT'S A
FOOD COMA FROM
ALL THE BREAD
HE ATE.



THIS
GUY...





IT'S OVER.



Blink

SUMIRE.



WHAT?! I'M
SO SORRY!

FW



IP



I SAID,
IT'S FINE.

Let's
go.

I'M SORRY...



?

IT'S FINE, I
GOT TO SEE
SOMETHING
NICE, TOO.



LET'S HEAD
BACK.

Does
that
mean...

...OKAY.

...he was
looking
forward to
this, too?

NGH.

Even if he
wasn't,

I want to
MAKE him
nervous.

SENPAI!

Was he as
nervous...

...as I
was?





HUH?!

Is that
a no?

NO, IT'S
NOT...

ERM...

Lean

ME...

GO OUT
WITH
YOU?



Agh—

SENPAI?

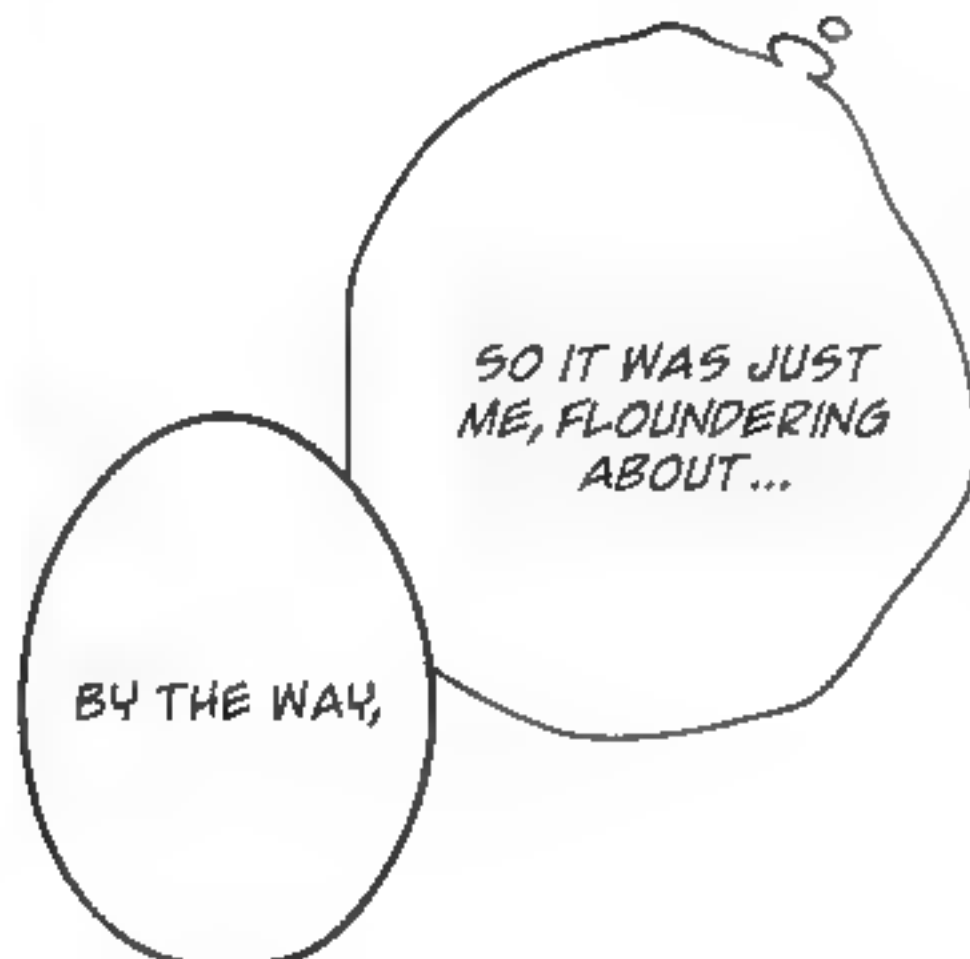


WILL YOU GO
OUT WITH ME?





← He knows it.







JERK!



Haha.

Geez....!

Ungh...

DRAAAAG

OH YEAH.




THERE'S ONE
THING I DO KNOW
ABOUT YOU.

WHICH IS?



THAT THE
PLANETARIUM IS THE
PERFECT SNOOZE
SPOT FOR YOU.




TODAY WILL
BE OUR LAST
DAY OF OUR
FULL-BODY
TRAINING.

Chapter 3



ADJOURNED.

Tomorrow is
our sports
festival.



MY
MOM
AND
DAD.

Hey, ...
WHO'S
COMING
TOMOR-
ROW?

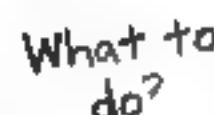
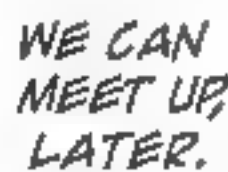
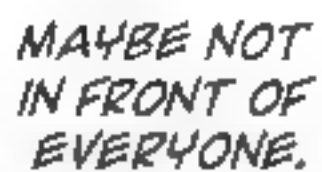
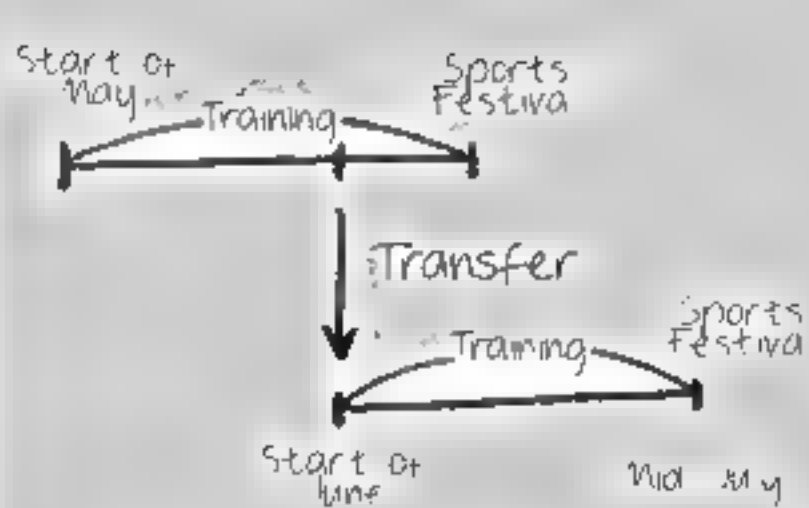
Ooh, I
wanna see.

My sis is
coming,
too.



THE SUN IS
GOING TO GET
HOTTER, SO
MAKE SURE
TO HYDRATE,
EVERYONE.









I'LL SEE YOU
LATER.



Pff

Haha.



IT'S A
FIRST-
YEAR.

THE
MADONNA
JUST
LAUGHED.

THAT'S
THE FIRST
TIME I'VE
SEEN HIM
TALK.



You're
going
to skip
this?

HUH?



WHO WAS THAT?

Freeze

NGH.



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
TOMORROW?



Mph...



THE SCAVENGER
HUNT, AND CAPTURE
THE FLAG.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

THE 100
METER
DASH.

Ooh...

ARE YOU A
FAST RUNNER?

MAKES
SENSE.



HEY,

YEAH?



...

てて
I BET YOU
JUST THOUGHT
HOW MUCH OF
A HASSLE
IT'LL BE.

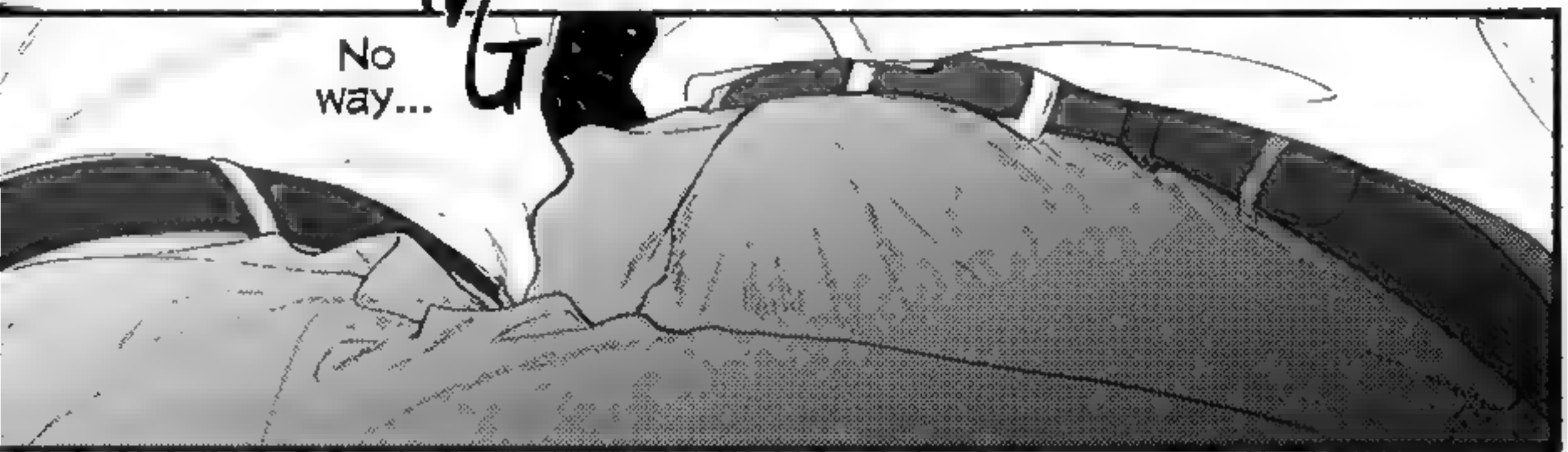
UH...



No,
IT'S
BECAUSE
I DON'T
HAVE TO
WORK WITH
OTHERS.

THAT'S
JUST
LIKE
YOU.







SO EVERY TIME YOU
WENT MISSING DURING
LUNCH, YOU WERE UP
HERE?

THERE YOU ARE!



SO WHERE ARE
THE DOCUMENTS
I ASKED FOR?



SORRY FOR
INTERRUPTING.

MM...



ON MY DESK.

AH.





If he
doesn't
know that
we're
dating,

does that
mean he thinks
that senpai
goes around
kissing people
he doesn't
even like?

Senpai,

I don't
want...

...people to
think that you
don't value
yourself.

I don't
want
that,
but...

WAIT...

kiss

...NGH.

kiss
♡

IF...

slide

Mm.

Hff.

Ungh...

I CAN'T THINK
STRAIGHT...





I GOT A LATE
START!

I...

BANG

READY,

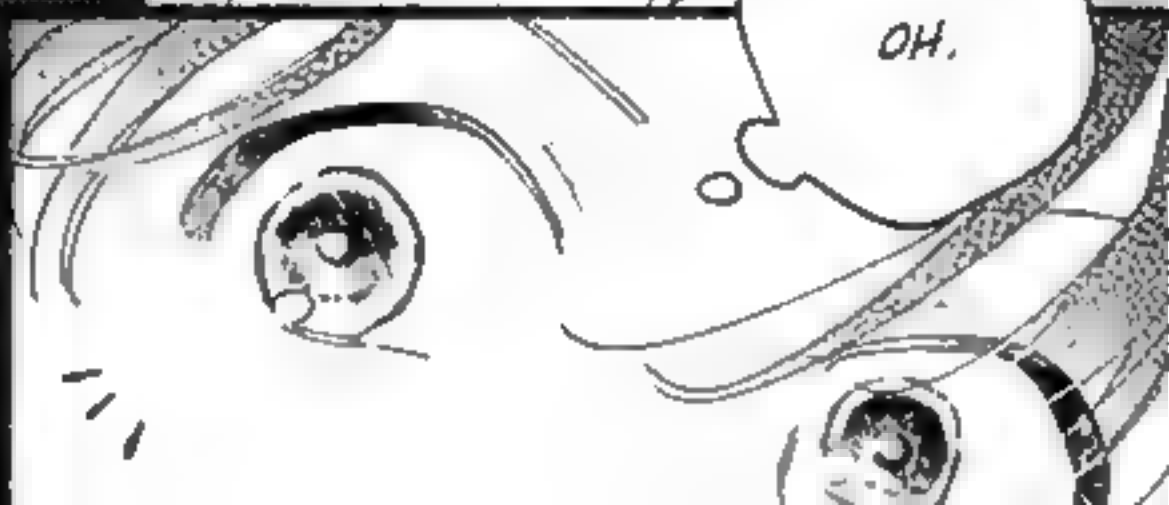
But at
least
no one
found
out.

SO
MANY THINGS
HAPPENED
YESTERDAY.

Hah...



It's the
guy from
yesterday...





No...



clench



OK!

RUSTLE

MAYBE I'LL GO FOR SOMEONE ELSE. DON'T WANNA MAKE IT AWKWARD.



EXCUSE ME?

Uh...



This is my chance to set things straight!

glasses

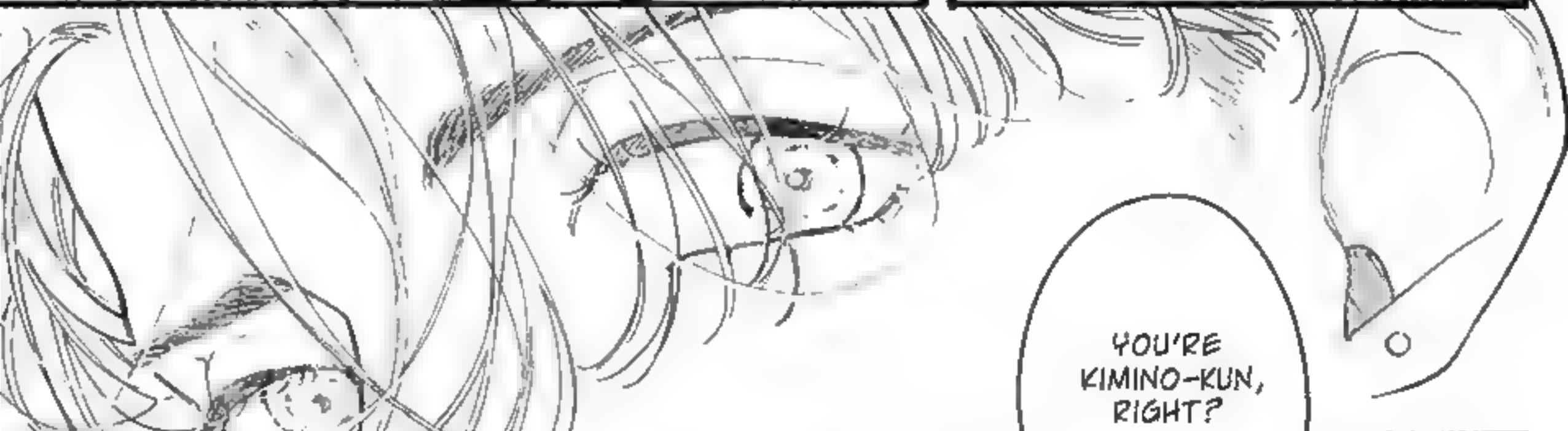
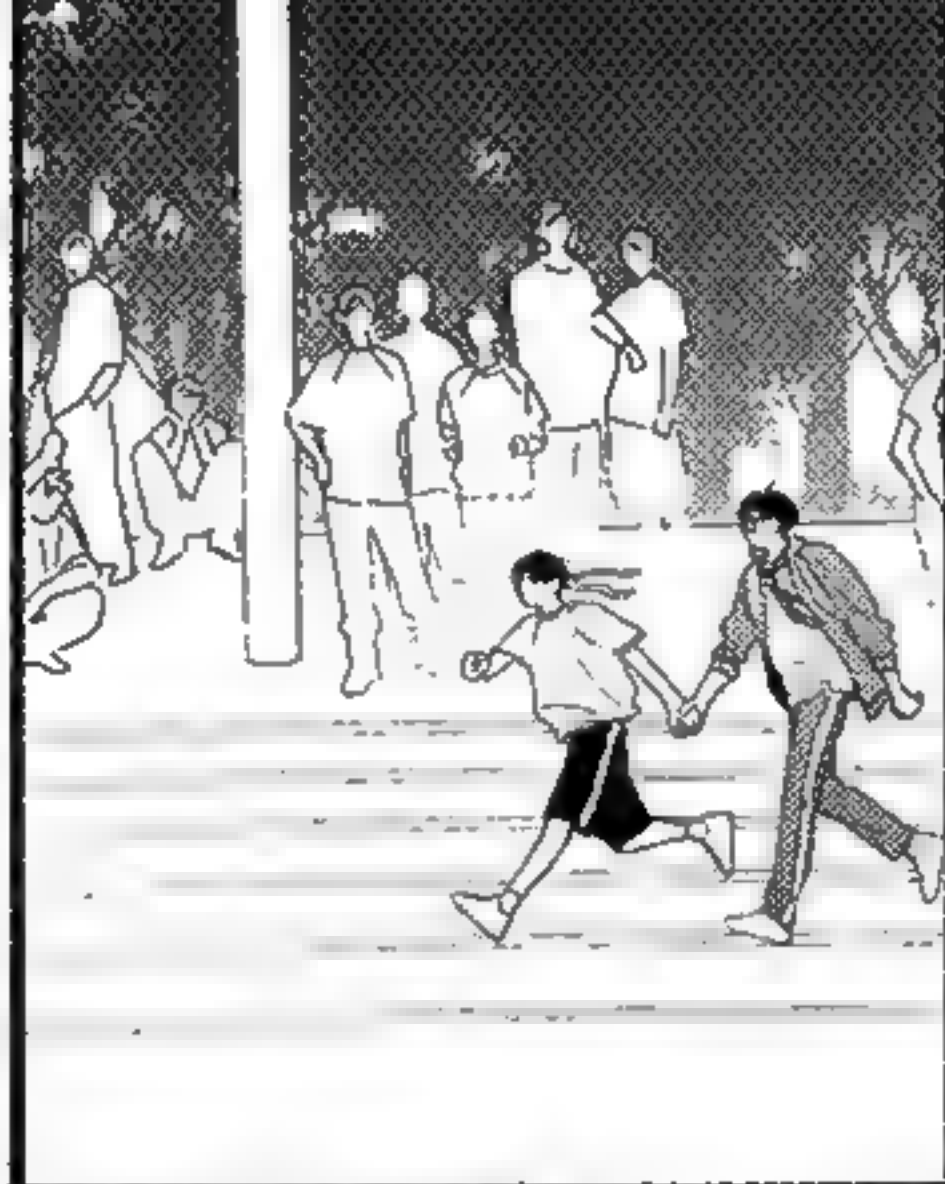
CAN I BORROW YOU FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT?

MY NAME IS KIMINO SUMIRE!

園本部







Shff

I SEE.

I
WANTED
TO...

... TALK TO
YOU ABOUT
THAT.

HUH?

YOU'RE
KIMINO-KUN,
RIGHT?

THE KID
WITH SUGURU,
YESTERDAY.

Suguru...

UM...YEAH!

THEN WE'D
BETTER HURRY.

AH!





YOU'RE TOUJOU-SENPAI'S FRIEND, RIGHT?

Whisper



SENPAI DOESN'T DO STUFF LIKE THAT WITH PEOPLE HE DOESN'T LIKE.

I HOPE YOU DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.

HUH?

I SEE. YOU'RE A GOOD KID.



Ah...
I GUESS SO.

FUNNY.



NO, THAT'S NOT IT...WELL, IT IS, BUT...



Ah!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

WHAT YOU SAID BASICALLY IMPLIED THAT "SENPAI LIKES ME."



GET LIKE... WHAT...?

IT'S PROBABLY A BAD IDEA TO GET LIKE THAT AT SCHOOL.

TOUJOU HASN'T SEEMED TO NOTICE, BUT TRY TO BE CAREFUL NEXT TIME.

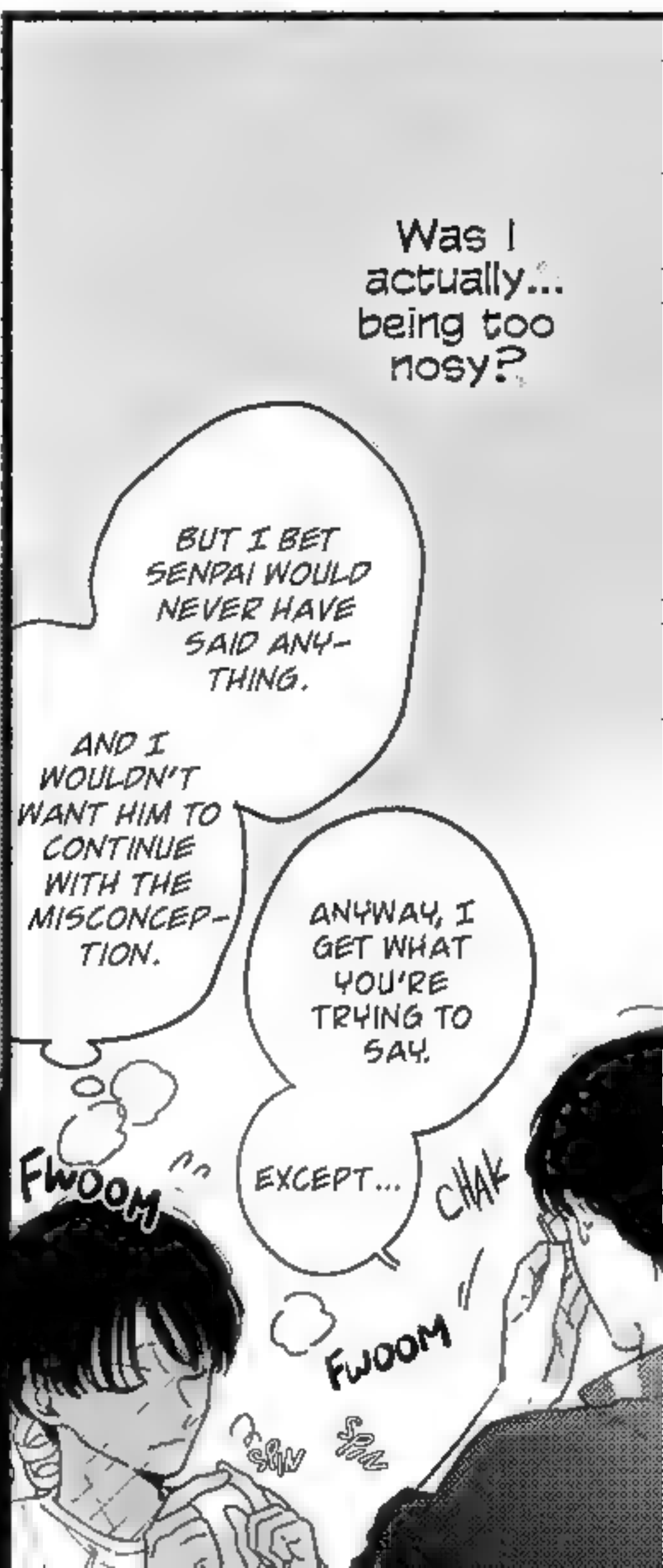


Fwp

Is that what he means?!

The...

Busted



Was I actually... being too nosy?

BUT I BET SENPAI WOULD NEVER HAVE SAID ANYTHING.

AND I WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO CONTINUE WITH THE MISCONCEPTION.

ANYWAY, I GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.

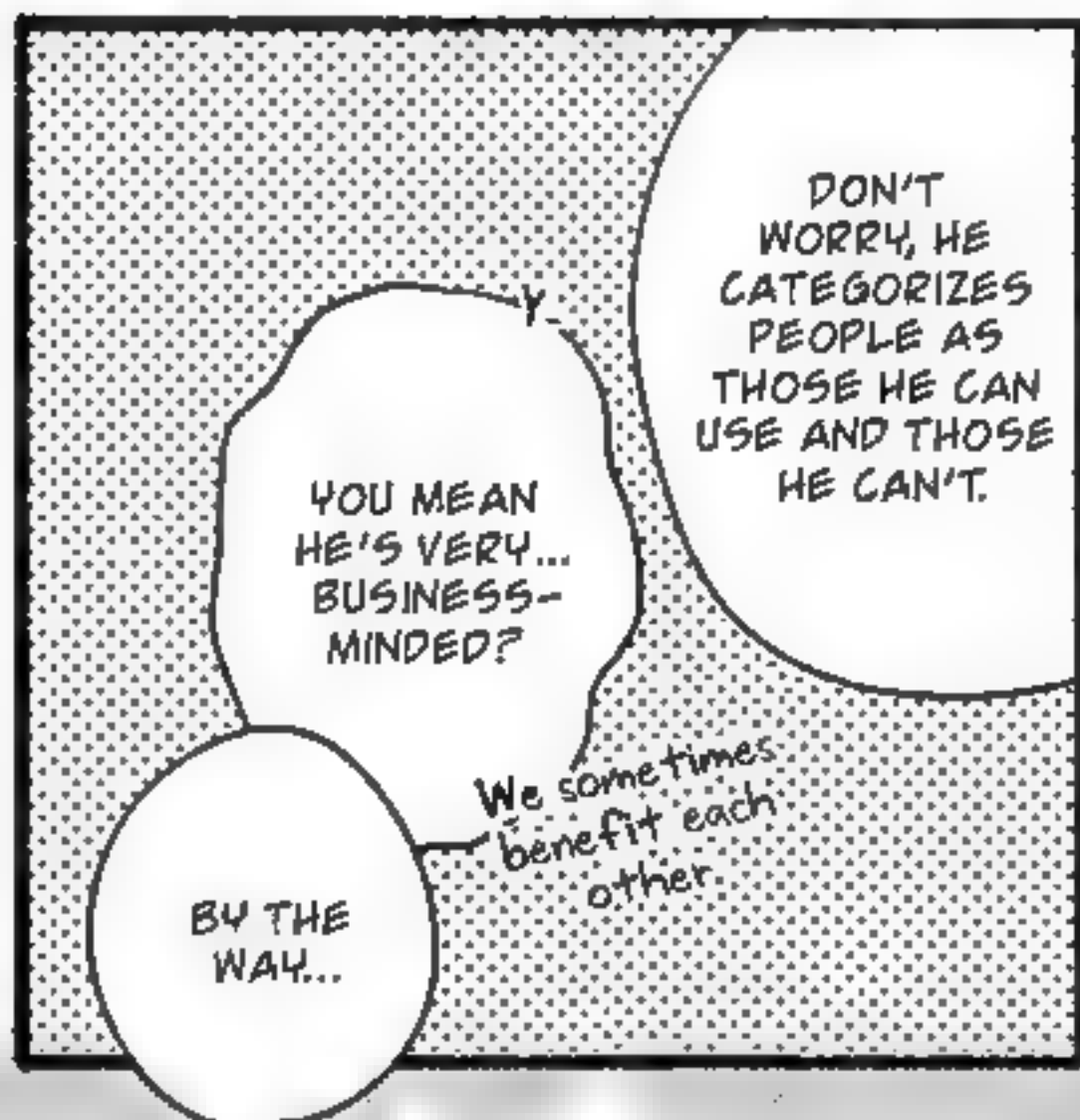
EXCEPT...

CHAK

Fwoom

Fwoom









SO, THE
SPORTS
FESTIVAL.

THAT WASN'T
FUNNY.



YOU'RE SO
QUICK TO PICK
FIGHTS.

SHUT UP LOOK ME
IN THE EYES AND
TELL ME.



I BET IT'S
SOMETHING
INTERESTING
TO DO WITH
ME.

I'LL FORGIVE
YOU FOR THAT
ATTITUDE OF
YOURS, SO YOU
BETTER GET
TALKING.





I
GUESS
...

BOY-
FRIEND?

HE'S A GOOD
BOYFRIEND. YOU
SHOULD TRUST
HIM.



THAT'LL
HELP

I'LL HELP YOU
WRITE PAPERS
FOR THE COM-
MITTEE.

IT'S GOING
TO COST YOU.



...

Let's go
eat,
senpai!

OH,
SPEAK OF
THE DEVIL.

YOU FOUND A
GOOD WISH-
GRANTER.

Actually,



Don't
bully him.

UPK

Strike!

Hello.
You're
very stiff
around me.

Gp'n

CLENCH

Oh hi,
Andou-
senpai.

Sumire After That 1







WOW, YOU
REMEMBERED!

IN
FUKUOKA?

I'M GOING
TO VISIT MY
GRANDPA.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING FOR
SUMMER,



WANNA
COME TO MY
PLACE, THIS
SUMMER?

THEN,



IS IT FOR
A LONG
TIME?

ABOUT TWO
WEEKS.

WE CAN HANG
OUT WHEN I GET
BACK.





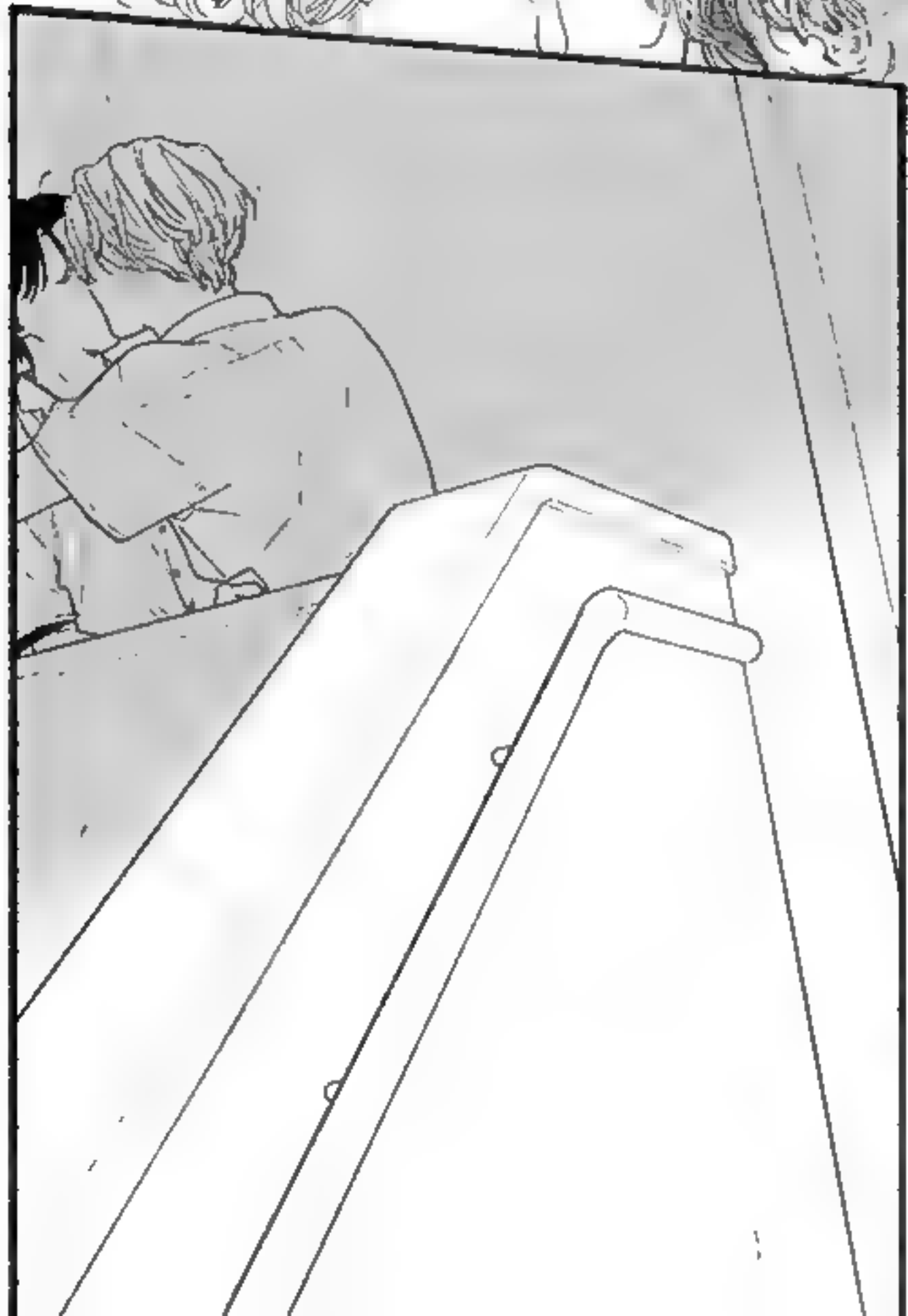
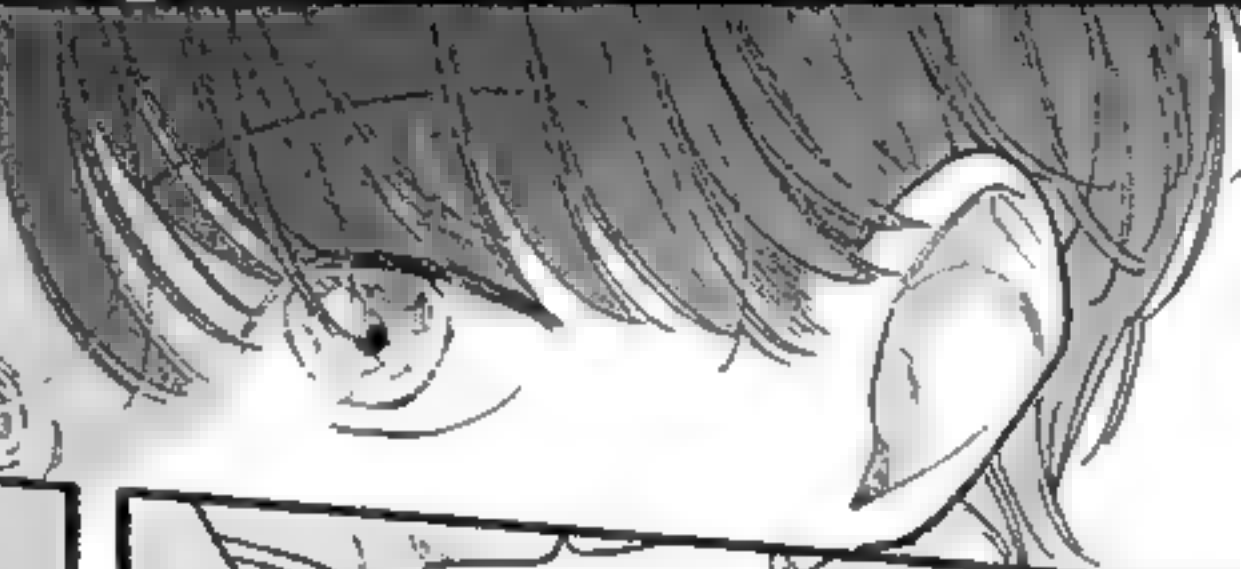
YOU'VE GOT
SOME DUST
HERE...

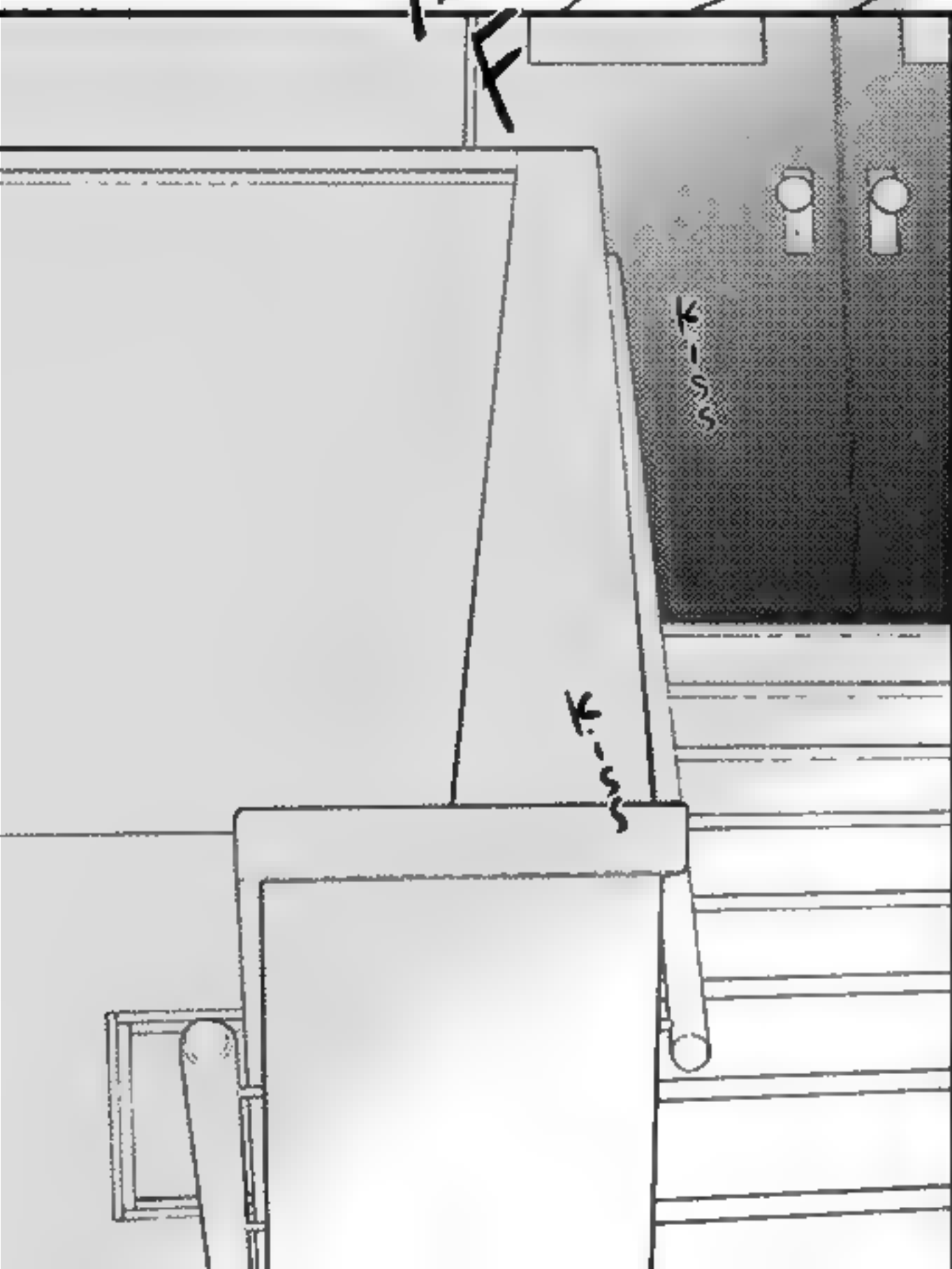


YEAH!

THANKS.
IT'S ALMOST
FIFTH PERIOD,
YOU'RE GOING
TO CLASS,
RIGHT?

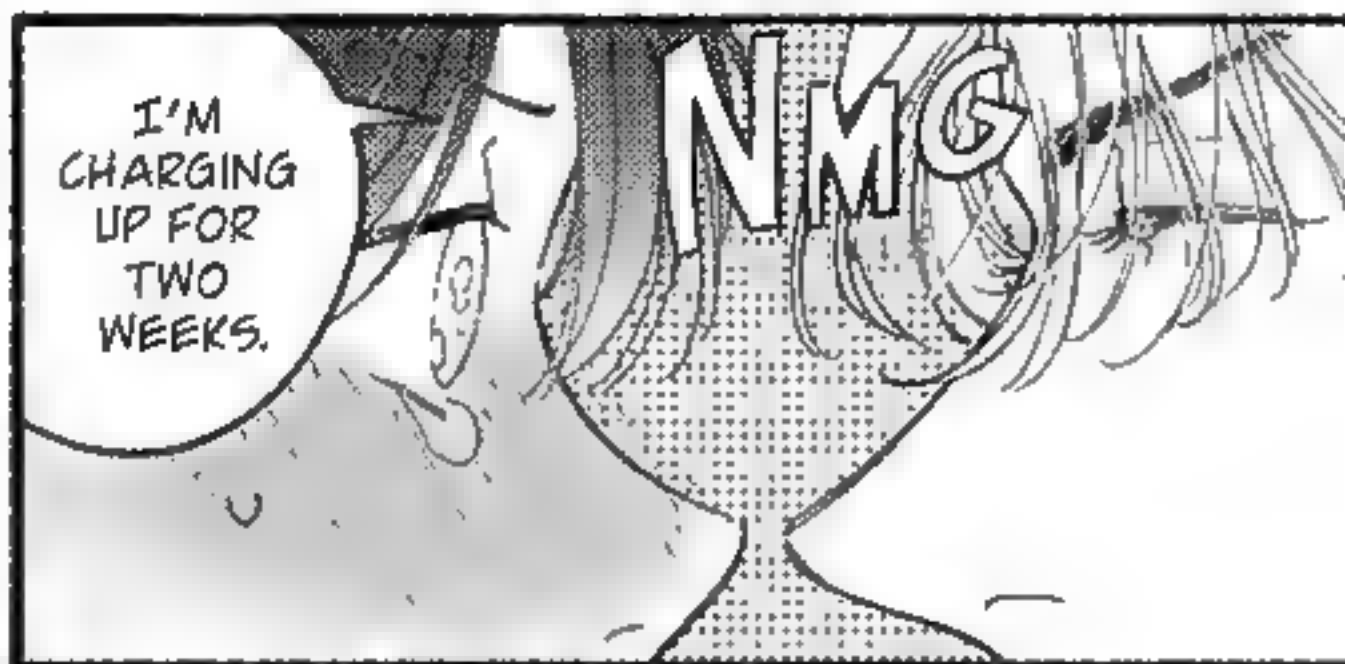
I THOUGHT
YOU LOOKED
COOL...







LET'S GO.





I see.

RIGHT?

HE WAS
HARD,

Good...

SUMIRE
ACTUALLY
LIKES ME...

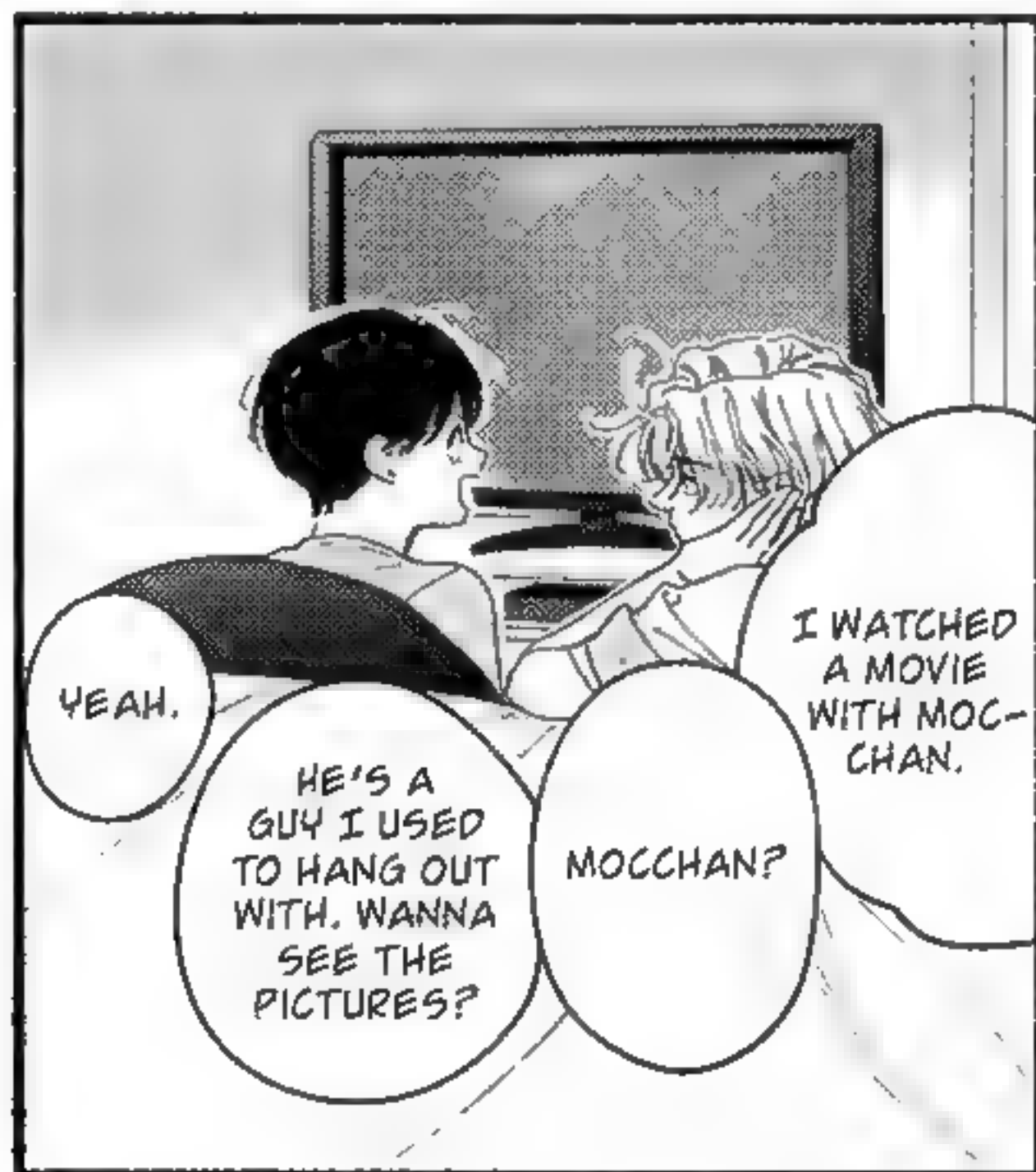




It would
be better
for Sumire
to distance
himself
from me.











YOU'VE
GOTTEN
TALLER.



YOU MIGHT
EVEN GROW
TALLER THAN
ME BY NEXT
YEAR.

And
there
will be
more to
come.

How long
will Sumire
stay by
me as the
world
opens up
for him?



REALLY? I
GUESS...

THEN,



There's
more...

...that I
don't
know
about
Sumire.

I KNEW IT.



LIKE THIS?

HAHA,

I'M EXCITED
FOR IT.

I BET I'LL
REACH THAT
HEIGHT.

THEN I'LL
BE CLOSER
TO YOU.



BUT YOU'RE
ALWAYS LOOKING
UP AT ME FROM
MY LAP,

SO IT MIGHT
BE A FRESH
NEW LOOK.

NGH.



UM

WAP

AH!
S-SORRY!

I didn't
mean to!

WAIT.

clench

WAP









WOW.



I NEVER
KNEW...

...HE HAD THESE
EXPRESSIONS
IN HIM.

Thmp

Thmp



I WANT TO
TOUCH MORE
OF HIM.

IT'S BECAUSE
OF WHAT I'M
DOING.

MORE.





SORRY, IT
GOT ON YOUR
PANTS.

THAT'S FINE.

Wipe it
off,
first.



HOLDING YOUR
HEAD UP TO STOP
THE BLOOD IS A
MISCONCEPTION!

U HUH?

I'LL GO
GET SOME
WATER.
JUST KEEP
THAT
TISSUE
THERE.

KER
CHAK

Sss...



And
yet...



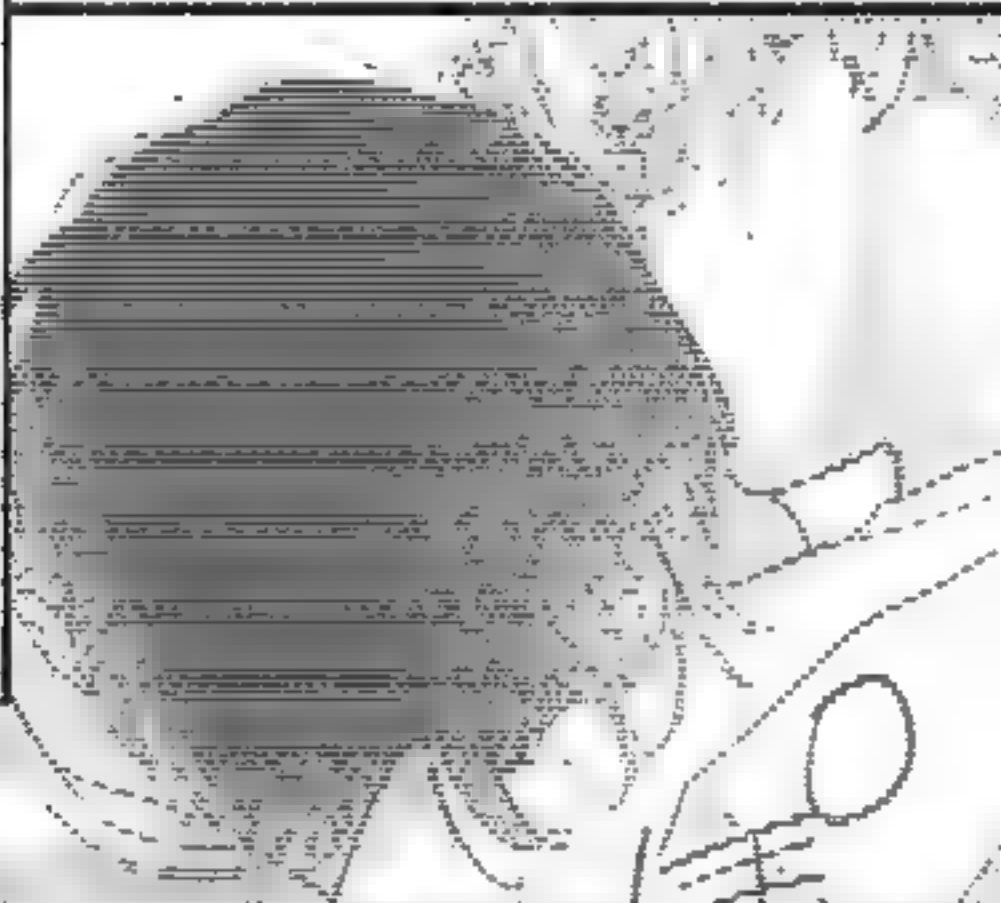
I GOT
NERVOUS,
I'M AND HURT
SUCH SUMIRE.
AN
IDIOT.





When
I hear
that
voice,

and
see
that
face...



THAT
WAS FRUS-
TRATING...



HOW CAN YOU
ASK ME TO
RESTRAIN
MYSELF?

Sumire After That 2





Chapter 5









NOT AT ALL,
HE'S PROBABLY
AWAKE BY NOW.

OKAY.

SORRY TO
INTRUDE.

THANKS FOR
COMING ALL
THIS WAY.

KNOCK

KNOCK



AH!

IT'S OKAY! MY
FEVER'S GONE
DOWN ALREADY.

YOU STAY
DOWN.

PUSH

SUMIRE?

SENPAI!

FWIP



YOU'RE STILL SWEATING A LITTLE.

IT'S BECAUSE I HAD THE HEATER ON.



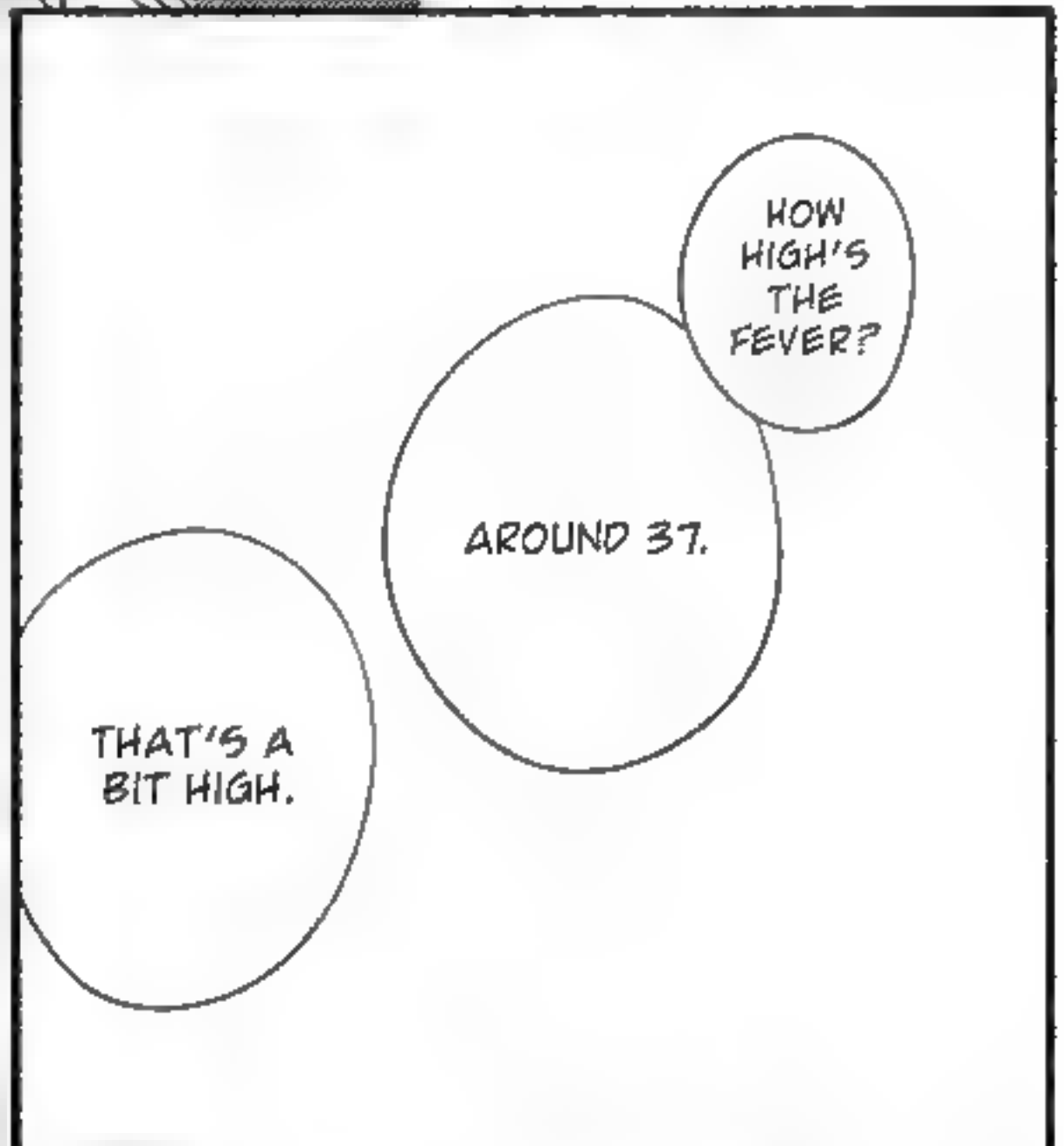
HOT.

COME TO THINK OF IT...

REALLY? IT'S ALMOST NORMAL.

But I'm not stopping.

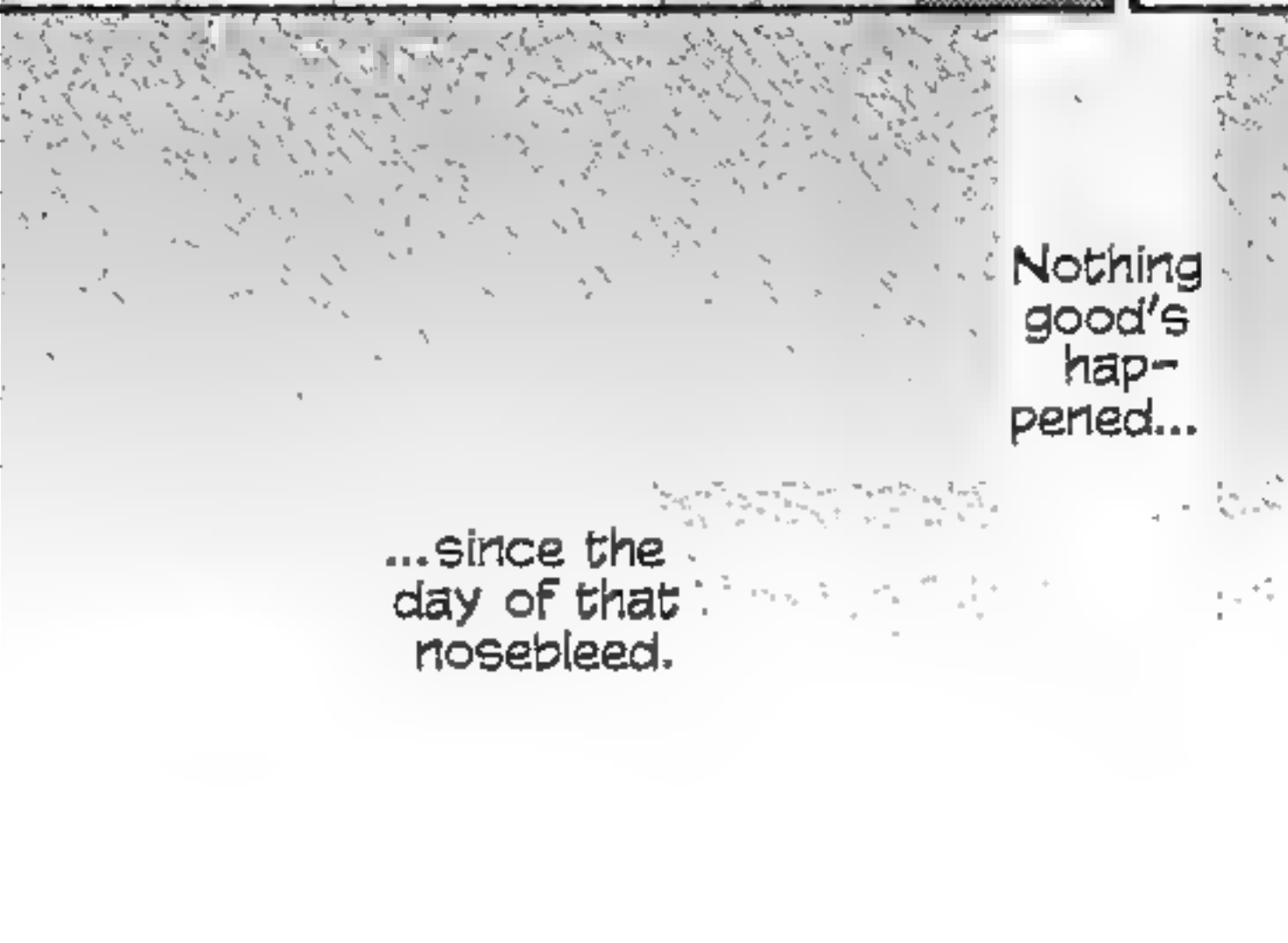
You're always warm.



HOW HIGH'S THE FEVER?

AROUND 37.

THAT'S A BIT HIGH.



Nothing good's happened... since the day of that nosebleed.



SORRY, SENPAI.

YOU CAME ALL THIS WAY TO SEE ME.

Practice during lunch.

And since choir practice began, we haven't been able to eat lunch together.

FWSH—

Our date after that was ruined by pouring rain. We couldn't go anywhere.

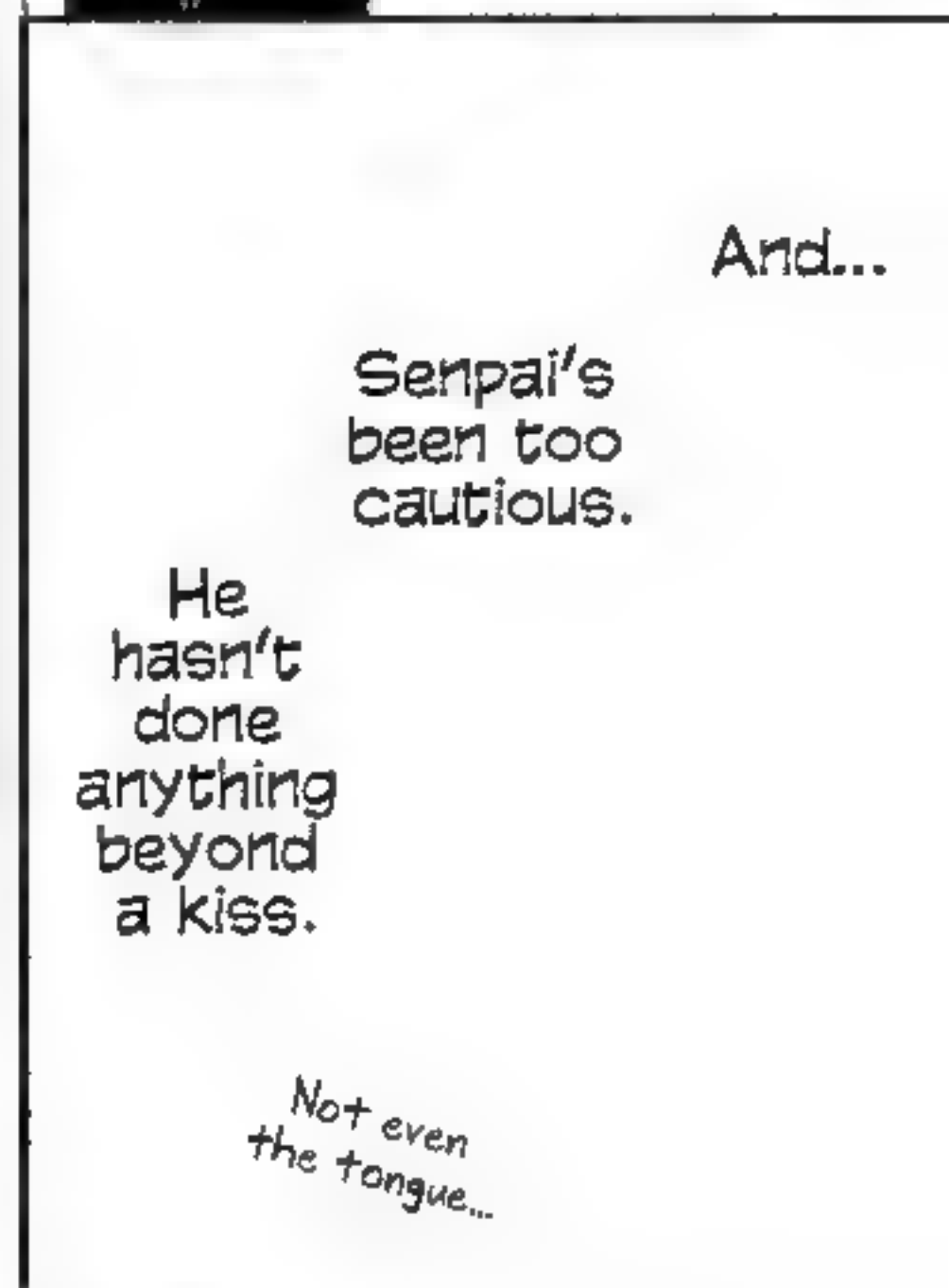
Yeah...

Let's go home.



And right when he cleared up his schedule from exams, I catch this cold...

I DIDN'T EVEN WANNA BRING IT OUT, TODAY.



And...

Senpai's been too cautious.

He hasn't done anything beyond a kiss.

Not even the tongue...



I'M LATE,

BUT HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



...



SENPAI...



THANKS.

CAN I
OPEN IT?

Yeah!

OH...

I HEARD
FROM ANDOU-
SENPAI.

DID I EVER
TELL YOU MY
BIRTHDAY?



YEAH.

I'M SO
HAPPY...

HEY...



I HOPE YOU
LIKE THEM.





But I've
never
done
that
before.

DON'T
WORRY, IT'S
EASY.

Huh?

CAN YOU PUT
THEM ON FOR
ME?



PLEASE?



T.
TELL ME IF
IT HURTS.

MHM.

...





BECAUSE YOU
ALWAYS SEE
THE LAME SIDE
OF ME.

NOT
FAIR?



REALLY
COOL.

IT'S
NOT
EVEN
FAIR.



...



I WANTED TO
TAKE THE LEAD,
TODAY.

I WAS
GOING TO
GIVE THEM
TO YOU AT
YOUR HOUSE.

I DIDN'T
PLAN ON
GIVING
THEM
TO YOU
TODAY.



I ALSO
WANTED
TO...

APOLO-
GIZE.



YOU'RE ALWAYS
VERY COOL.

HUH?

LEAN



...IMPATIENT?



IN THE
SUMMER,

I GOT
A LITTLE
IMPATIENT,
AND MAYBE
PUSHED YOU
TOO HARD.



Half of it
is joking,

THE THOUGHT
THAT YOU MIGHT
ONE DAY DECIDE
THAT...

...YOU CAN'T
DO IT WITH ME,
IS ALWAYS IN
THE BACK OF
MY MIND.

and
half of
it is a
bluff.

AND I WAS THE
ONE WHO FELL
FOR YOU.

Half of
me...



IT'S NOT
LIKE...

...YOU'RE GAY.



How far will Sumire let me touch him?



THAT WASN'T EVEN THE ONLY TIME.

I'VE BEEN TESTING YOU...

AND IF IT WASN'T GOING TO WORK OUT ANYWAY, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO END IT EARLY...

Creak

Even I...



...EVER SINCE I FELL FOR YOU.



OUCH!

WHAT'S THAT FOR?

SQUISH



clench



SORRY.

Fwlp

I DIDN'T MEAN TO HURT YOU.



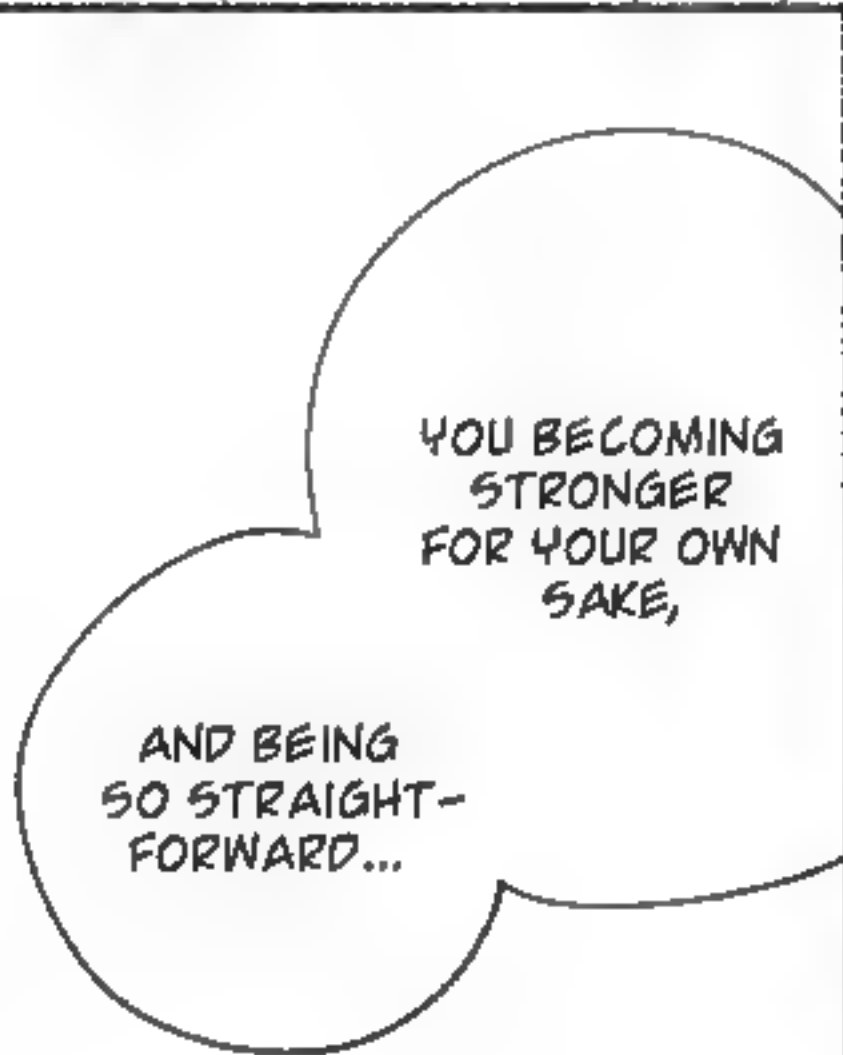
YOU KNOW,



I REALLY
LIKE YOU!



THOSE ARE
THINGS THAT I
THINK ARE COOL
AND ADMIRE
ABOUT YOU.



YOU BECOMING
STRONGER
FOR YOUR OWN
SAKE,

AND BEING
SO STRAIGHT-
FORWARD...



IT'S TRUE
THAT I WAS A
LITTLE...
OVEREXCITED,
BUT...

...



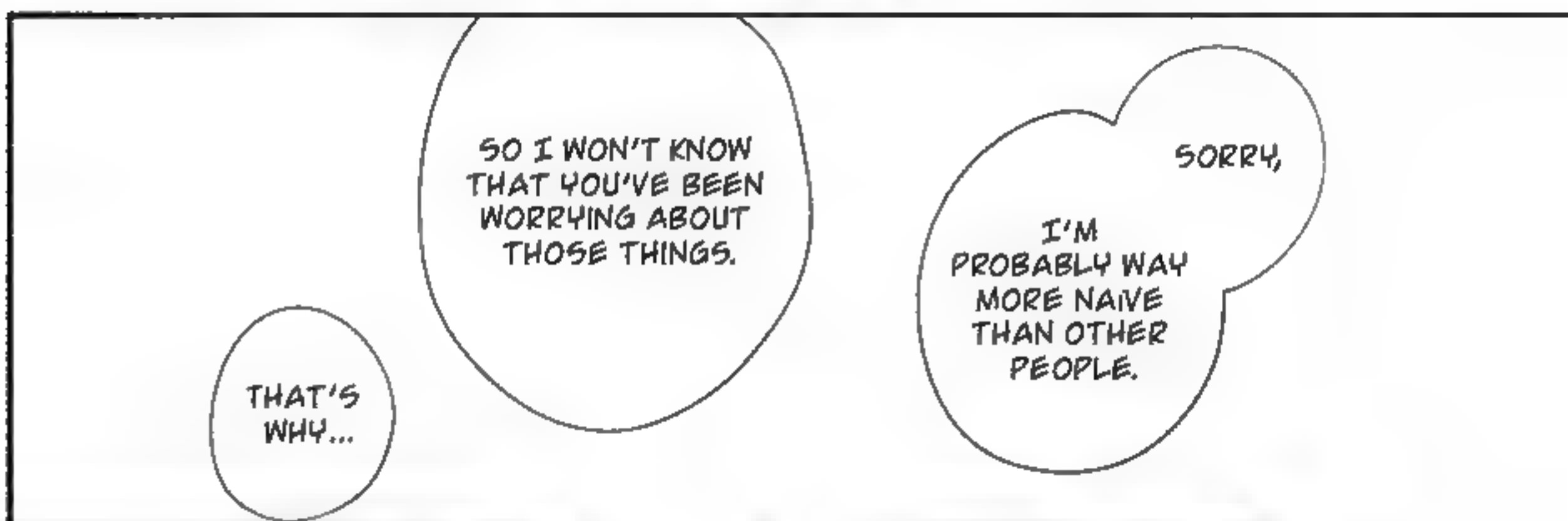
I WISH YOU'D
SHARE MORE
ABOUT WHAT
YOU'RE THINK-
ING.

...WHAT?



BUT...

I DO HAVE
ONE COM-
PLAINT.



SO I WON'T KNOW
THAT YOU'VE BEEN
WORRYING ABOUT
THOSE THINGS.

SORRY,

I'M
PROBABLY WAY
MORE NAIVE
THAN OTHER
PEOPLE.

THAT'S
WHY...



TO THE
HAPPY AND
FUN.

I WANT YOU
TO TELL ME
EVERYTHING.

FROM
THE
SCARY,



in
some
areas,

he's very
mature.
But in
others...



Sometimes,

SUGURU-
SAN.

YEAH.

CUTE.



I FEEL SO MUCH
CLOSER TO YOU
NOW.

YOU'RE VERY
CUTE, SENPAI!

...

I KISSED
YOU, EVEN
THOUGH
I'M SICK!

TURN

AH.

I DON'T
MIND.

DON'T
PULL
BACK!

BUT...

Fvzz
Fvzz

COOL~

KISS

Nym







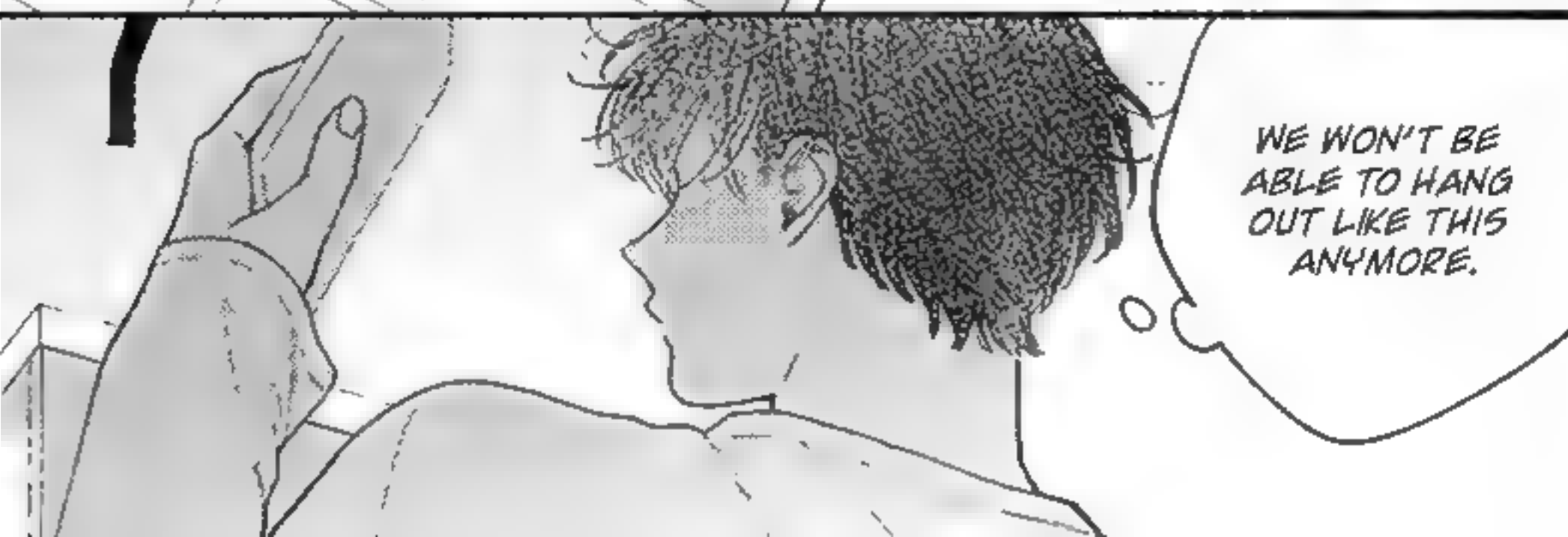
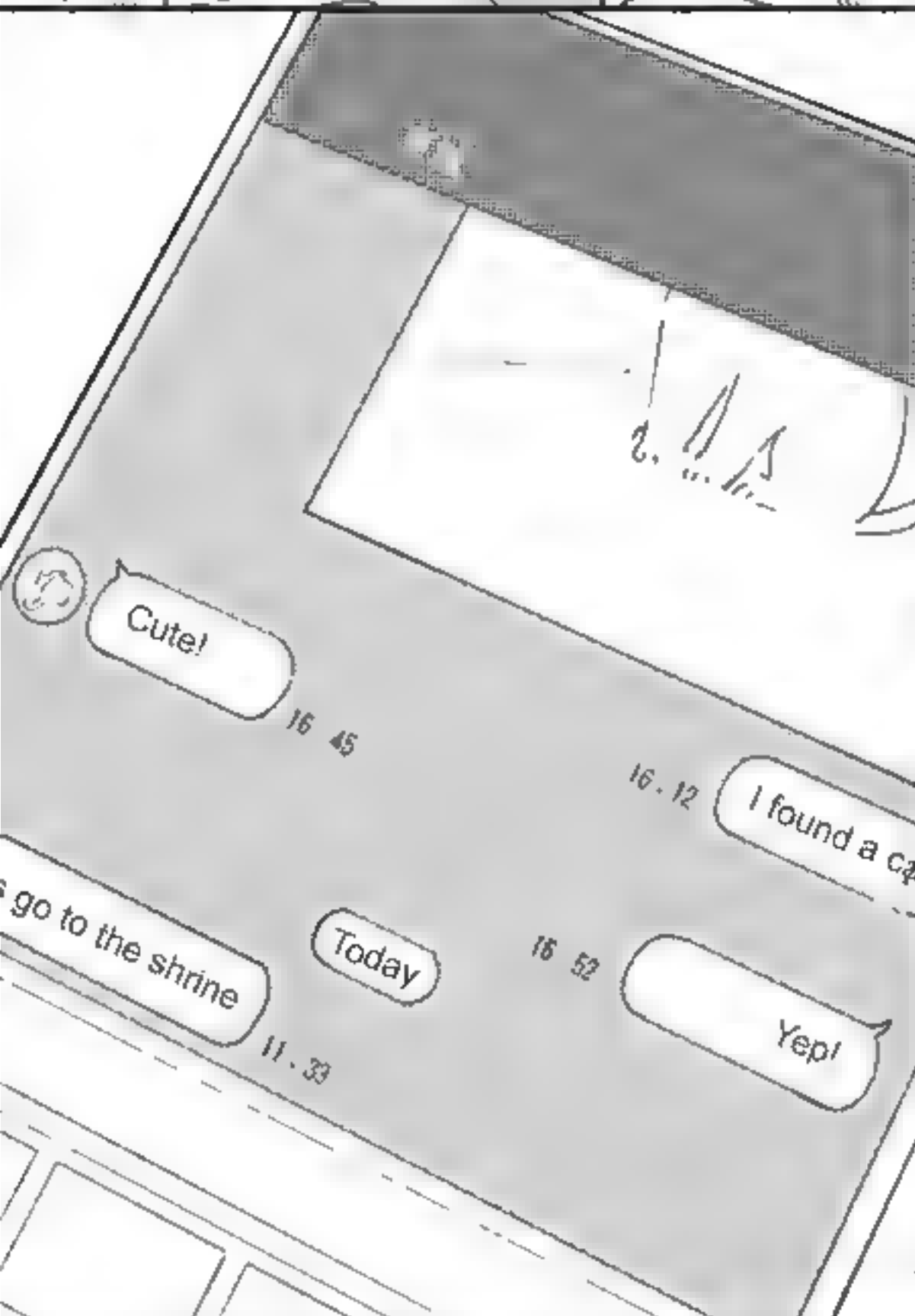


Tokyo.

Kyoto.

A two
hour and
fifteen
minute
trip.

Chapter 6





to not have
him here
beside me?

What
would it
feel like,



Why
didn't
he say
anything?

OKAY.
LET'S
GO.

OKAY.

but it'll
probably
be very
lonely.

It's hard
to picture
since it'll be
so different
from now,



IT'S A
SECRET.



HMM...

WHAT DID
YOU WISH
FOR?



?



WAIT HERE.



MAYBE
SOME TAKO-
YAKI WILL
CHEER YOU
UP.

YOU SEEM A
BIT DOWN IN
THE DUMPS,
TODAY.



HERE.



...because I'm
so unreliable.

Maybe
he's
finding
it hard
to tell
me...

...

I don't
want to
become his
burden...




TAKE THIS.

RUSTLE

THANKS.

RUSTLE

HOLD
ON.



I'LL START
WORKING.

SO THAT I
CAN VISIT YOU,
EVEN IF YOU
MOVE FAR
AWAY.



UM...

WHAT'S
WITH
YOUR
FACE?

I'm
trying
very hard
not to
cry!

OH...



BECAUSE
I WANT TO
SUPPORT
YOUR
DREAMS!



WHAT DO YOU
MEAN, "JUST"
GRADUATING?

AREN'T
YOU GOING
TO KYOTO
FOR UNI-
VERSITY?

NO I'M NOT.



THEN WHAT
DID YOU MEAN
BY, MOVING
FAR AWAY?

I'M JUST
GRADUAT-
ING.



Ngh...

DR O

OP

What
the
heck...

UGH...

I SEE...

I THOUGHT WE
WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO MEET
UP ANYMORE.

I JUMPED
TO CONCLU-
SIONS...

SORRY
FOR
LYING.

THEY SAID THAT
IF YOU SAY YOUR
WISH OUT LOUD,
IT'LL NEVER
COME TRUE.

I ACTUALLY
WISHED TO
BE WITH YOU
FOREVER.

SHOOT, I
JUST SAID
IT...

SO YOU WERE
ACTING LIKE
THAT BECAUSE
YOU WERE
WORRIED?

TO BE
HONEST,



S-
Senpai!
WE'RE
IN
PUBLIC!



ALSO,

We're
blocking
the way.



WHAT?

Everyone's
staring

THEY'LL JUST
THINK I'M A
TOUCHY-FEELY
FOREIGNER.





TOMORROW'S
THE BIG DAY.



WE WON'T GET
TO EAT LUNCH
TOGETHER
ANYMORE.



...



DO YOU EVEN
HAVE OTHER
FRIENDS TO
SPEND LUNCH
WITH?

BECAUSE
YOU'RE GOOD
WITH PEOPLE.

I KNEW
THAT.

OF
COURSE
I DO!

SUGURU-
SAN.

HM?

SQUEEZE

...







I'M GLAD,
THAT'S SO
LIKE YOU.

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO ASKING?

WHY ARE
YOU LAUGH-
ING?!

SORRY,
JUST...

Haha.



I DID A LOT OF
VISUAL EXERCISES,
SO I'M GOOD
TO GO!

NO MORE
NOSE-
BLEEDS?

Visual
exercis-
es?

I think!



I was
going to do
it cooler and
better!

I SAID,
SORRY.



IF YOU
CAN'T DO
IT, WE
CAN'T DO
IT IMMEDI-
ATELY.

I SEE...

BUT I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO
GO ABOUT IT.

ARE YOU
PREPARED?

I KIND OF HAVE
AN IDEA OF HOW
THINGS GO...











Shoulder SOLT

'KAY!

PUT IT IN.

Which is it?

GRIED

TELL ME IF IT HURTS, OKAY?





...?

HE STOPPED?

splt



SUMIRE?

Solt



HFF



This moment is so important to him, that it elicits such a pained expression from him.

that it elicits such a pained expression from him.

...NO.

Drip

...

I MIGHT LOOK...

DON'T LOOK AT ME.

HFF

...REALLY SCARY RIGHT NOW.

I MIGHT SCARE YOU.



I WANNA
SEE THAT
FACE.

LOOK AT
ME.

I WANT
TO SEE
YOUR
FACE.



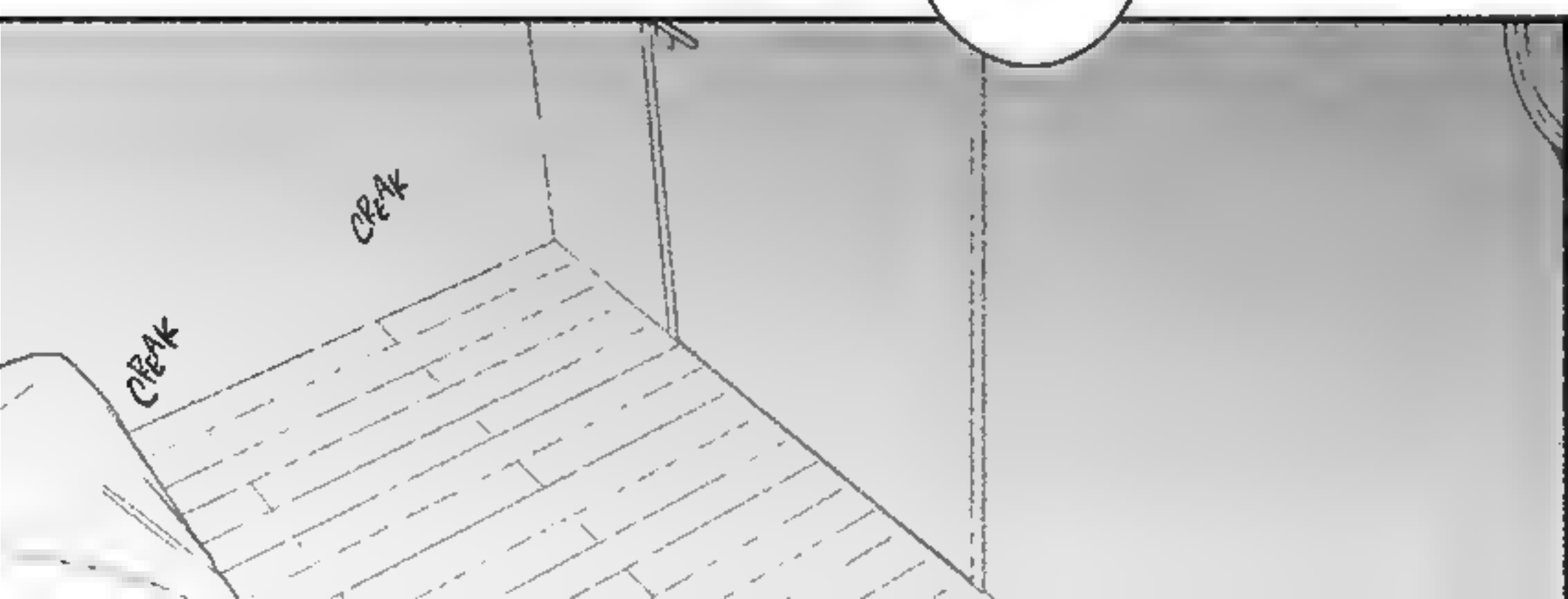
I'M GLAD I
FELL IN LOVE
WITH YOU.



THANK YOU FOR
LOVING ME.

I'M FINE.

YOU
CAN
MOVE
NOW.



craak

craak





DON'
GRAD' TE...

SENPAI...



...MWM.



The next
day,

he still ended
up graduating.



Since
then,
he's been
busy with
uni,

and we
haven't
met up
much.



Let's continue watching that series.

Blushing after thinking dirty thoughts.

Just kidding. We meet every week.

YEAH...

I'M NOT REALLY A FAN OF MY OWN BIRTHDAY.

BY THE WAY,

WHY?

Speaking of birthdays,

YOU'RE WEARING THE CLOTHES. THEY LOOK GOOD ON YOU.

YEP!

Given to him on his birthday. (4/1)

I'VE GOT A SMALLER BUILD THAN EVERYONE.

BECAUSE I WAS BORN ON THE LAST DAY OF A SCHOOL YEAR.

Chomp

IF I WAS BORN A DAY LATER, THEN I MIGHT NOT HAVE MET YOU.

BUT,

I'M GLAD I WAS BORN DURING THAT PERIOD.

IF I WAS BORN A DAY LATER, THEN I WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST ONE TO TURN A YEAR OLDER IN MY YEAR.

AHH...

Delicious!

How is it?





The
madonna
of our
school,

The
medusa,

The
man who
loves
me,

Is going to
have my heart
forever.

YOU'RE NOT
ALLOWED.

Hold it
in...

BEING WITH
YOU MIGHT
CAUSE ME AN
EARLY DEATH
FROM HEART
PALPITATIONS.

HAH...